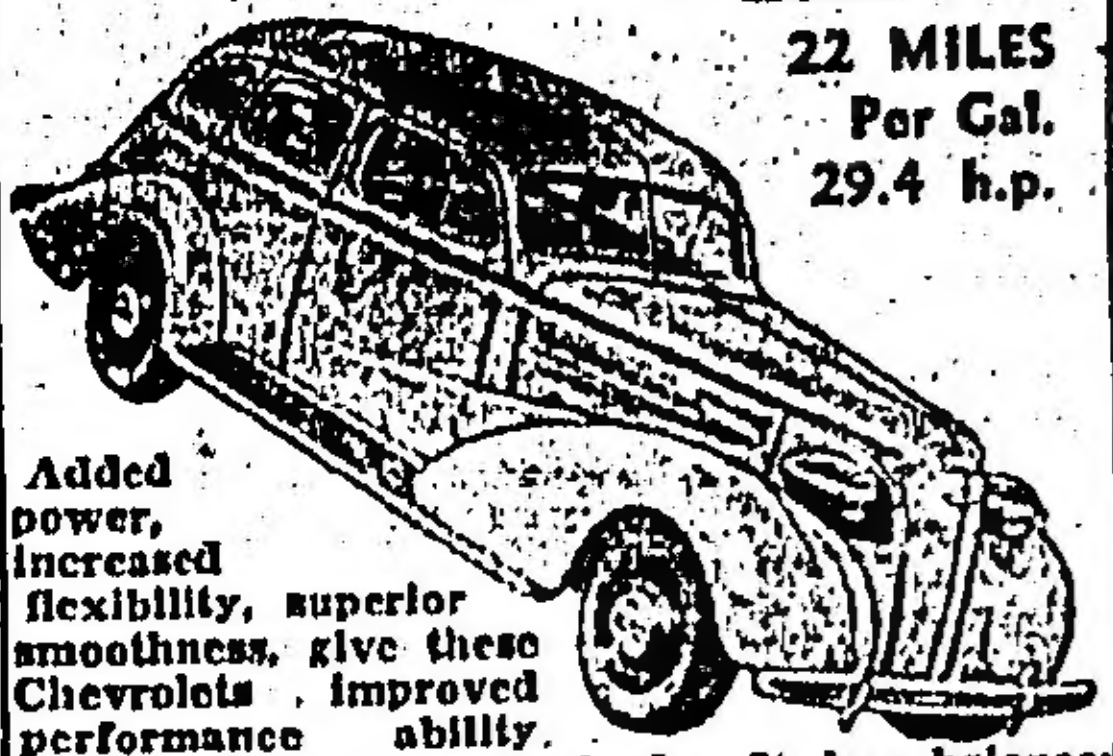


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ANGRY FARMERS OUST STRIKERS FROM FACTORY

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RIOTERS PARADE CAPTIVES BEFORE BOOING CROWD

Hershey, Penn., Apr. 7.

Farmers have taken a hand in the strike here which deprived them of their milk market.

A mob of over 100 men, calling themselves "loyal workers," took the law into their own hands to-day and forcibly ejected sit-down strikers who for five days have occupied the Hershey Chocolate Company factory here.

Among the strikers were many women, and they had to run the gauntlet past men armed with clubs and bottles. Fifty men, some of them cut and bleeding from the fight, were paraded as prisoners by the triumphant rioters, through hooting crowds.

Twenty-five were injured in the fighting in which the farmers joined with a will.—*Reuter*.

SIT-DOWN STRIKES CONDEMNED

Washington, Apr. 7.
The Senate, by 76 to 6 votes, passed a resolution to-day condemning sit-down strikes as illegal and contrary to public policy.

The resolution was introduced by the Senate Democrat leader, Senator Joseph T. Robinson.
The resolution also condemns the denial by any employer of the workers' right to collective bargaining and stigmatizes the industrial spy system as tending to cause strikes and industrial warfare.

The resolution has not the force of law and does not need the presidential signature.—*Reuter*.

ANOTHER SETTLEMENT

Lansing, Mich., Apr. 7.
Following the Chrysler Corporation strike settlement, an agreement has been reached terminating the 21-day strike in the Reo Motor Car Company's plant, which threw 2,200 men into idleness.

The only major strike still unsettled is in the Hudson Motor Car Company factory in Detroit, which affects 10,000 men.

Mr. Homer Martin, President of the United Automobile Workers, said his union had not presented any demands to the Ford Motor Company, nor had it threatened to call sit-down strikes in the Ford plants. Mr. Martin thereby dispelled the rumours that the United Automobile Workers were planning an intensive drive against the Ford Company and the company union.—*Reuter*.

LITTLE ENTENTE INTACT

Thanks To M. Benes' Effort At Belgrade

Belgrade, Apr. 7.
President Edouard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, received an enthusiastic send-off when he departed on the conclusion of his visit to Yugoslavia.

It is considered in well-informed circles that President Benes succeeded in checking the Jugo-Slavian move towards the Italo-German bloc and in greatly strengthening the position of the Little Entente.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

DANISH PREMIER'S VISIT

London, Apr. 7.
The Foreign Secretary to-day entertained at luncheon the Prime Minister of Denmark, M. Stauning. The company included the Lord President of the Council Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Morrison, the Liberal Leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, and the former Labour Home Secretary, Mr. Clynne.—*British Wireless*.

Labour Agrees Leader Should Get Salary

London, Apr. 7.
The Parliamentary Labour Party has agreed in principle that the Leader of the Opposition should accept a salary under the Ministers of the Crown Bill.

The constitutional position of the Opposition Leader in the State is recognised, but the Labour Party has not committed itself to the amount of remuneration to be paid.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

Lindberghs Safely Down At Munich

Half Europe Hunted
For Missing Pair

After half Europe had hunted for hours for Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, it was learned that the pair, flying to London after a trip in their private plane to India, had arrived safely at Munich, Germany.

Aviation authorities, said reports from London last night, in Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France and Britain were searching for the Lindberghs, who had not been reported since they left Zagreb Tuesday morning.

This morning the following messages confused and then cleared the situation:

Vienna, April 7.

Civil and military aviation authorities report that the plane flown by Colonel Charles Lindbergh, in which his wife is a passenger, has not landed anywhere in Austria.—*United Press*.

SAFE AT MUNICH

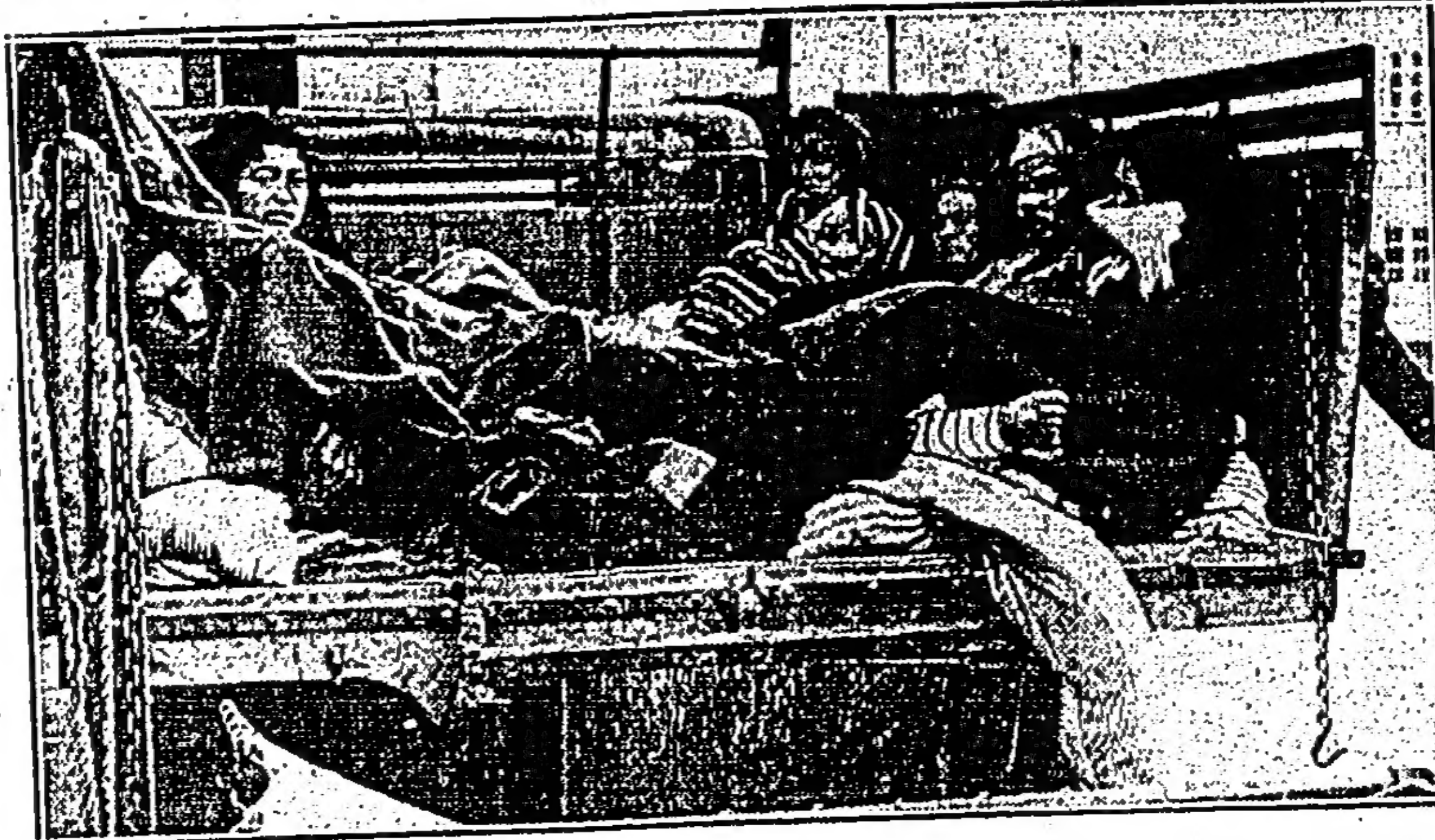
Berlin, April 7.

Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh landed at Munich at 8 p.m. last night.—*United Press*.

WHOLESALE PRICES

London, Apr. 7.
The Board of Trade index of wholesale prices in March shows the largest recorded increase for any month since the upward movement began in June 1936. The index was 5.3 per cent. higher than in February.—*British Wireless*.

MALAGA BOMBARDMENT VICTIMS



Wounded men and women, injured in the bombardment of Malaga, Spain, just before its capture by insurgent troops. Here an automobile truck has been pressed into service as an ambulance and the wounded are being taken to the Miramar Hotel, where a first-aid station was established. Retreating Loyalists burned part of the famous city.

MARKET DROPS SHARPLY

Tickers Far Behind
Transactions
Commodities Down,
Metals Weak

New York, Apr. 7.
Prices broke from \$1 to \$17 on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, with the Dow-Jones Industrial Average declining 4.91, the sharpest drop this year.

The decline came with heavy selling late in the session when the tickers were nine minutes behind. The reaction was blamed on the nervousness over the complicated gold policy rumors.

Other unfavourable factors included the threats of further unionisation of the automotive industry, some uncertainty over steel production, and the weakness of copper.

Favourable factors included the expectations of a resumption of dividends in several railroad companies, the settlement of the Chrysler strike and the improved technical position, together with a decline in gasoline storage.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES			
	Apr. 6.	Apr. 7.	Change
Industrials	182.98	178.07	Off 4.91
Rails	60.08	58.28	Off 1.80
Utilities	31.01	30.98	Off .03
Bonds	101.12	100.94	Off .18
Volume:	2,260,000	shares—United Press.	

U.S. GOLD POLICY

Washington, Apr. 7.
Commenting on the New York and London reports that the United States Treasury is contemplating reducing the price of gold, a high Treasury official to-day said that the buying policy is unchanged and "there is no intimation of any change."

It is understood that many banks are finding it unprofitable to import gold due to the very small spread between the foreign price and the Treasury's \$35 per ounce.—*United Press*.

COPPER REDUCTION

New York, Apr. 7.
The price of No. 1 scrap copper was to-day reduced by 1/2 cent to 13 1/2 cents per pound, placing the price of electrolytic on the equivalent of 14 1/2 cents per pound.
It was rumored that electrolytic was to-day offered at 16 cents per pound and there were no takers.—*United Press*.

BASE METALS DECLINE

New York, Apr. 7.
The St. Joseph Lead Company to-day cut lead prices by 1 cent to a base of 6 cents in New York and cut lead prices by 1 cent to a base of 6 cents in New York and 5.85 cents per pound in St. Louis, the largest single drop in price for ten years.

The decline followed the wide drop in London, erasing all gains except the 120 points advance since November.

Strait tin fell 1 1/2 cents to 60 1/2 cents per pound, while zinc was quiet and steady.

New York copper futures on the Commodity Exchange broke the daily maximum limit of 100 points at the opening to-day, reflecting the sharp drop in copper prices on the London Metal Exchange and the general weakness of the outside market.

The break in the world metal markets led to the deduction in important quarters that the price of domestic copper will shortly be reduced again.—*United Press*.

RECORD WITHIN GRASP OF JAPANESE FLIERS ON LEAVING KARACHI

A lady within sight of an all-time record for a flight from Europe, Masaki Unuma, 25 year-old ace pilot of the Asahi newspapers and his mechanic, Kenji Tsukahoshi, are expected to arrive at Basra this afternoon.
Two Japanese pilots took off from Karachi in their monowine "Wind" at 5 a.m. to-day, and in a subsequent radio they are making excellent progress.

A message from the plane, received at 7 a.m., stated:
"Well will arrive at Athens tonight if all goes well, and will continue on to London, where we expect to land at daylight to-morrow."

The two men have made remarkable progress on their 11,000 mile flight from Tokyo to London. They left Tokyo at 2.20 a.m. on Tuesday, covering the 1,412 miles to Taihoku in 7 hours 2 minutes. Staying in Taihoku long enough to take in fuel, they departed at 10.15 a.m., arriving at Hanoi just before 5 p.m.

They left Hanoi at daybreak yesterday, landing at Vientiane Airport, on the French Indo-China-Siam border, at 10.20 a.m. Four hours later they were again in the air, flying to Karachi, via Calcutta.

They expect to arrive in London in less than 120 hours total elapsed time, or under 60 hours flying time.

The only near approach to this record was the flight of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer plane "Spirit of Fun," which flew from Hongkong to Cairo in 60 hours. This plane later crashed in South Africa.

The two Japanese fliers are carrying Coronation greetings from Japan to His Majesty the King.

SHARING SUGAR PRODUCTION

WORLD DELEGATES TO ALLOCATE AMOUNTS

London, Apr. 7.
The Sugar Conference Bureau to-day agreed to submit for the world delegates' approval the figure 3,170,000 metric tons for the crop year, as recommended by the statistical experts committee, to meet the needs of "a free market," namely, the needs of colonies enjoying preferential treatment.

The figure decided on by the Bureau is 80,000 tons below the needs of the free market, as estimated by the International Sugar Committee in March. That figure was 3,250,000 metric tons.

The Conference must decide how this diminished amount shall be allocated to the countries represented at the conference.

Dr. H. Collin, the Dutch Prime Minister, left for Holland this evening.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL TREATY USELESS?

London, Apr. 7.
After informing the House of Commons at question-time that the Japanese Government had declined on March 27 to accept a 14-inch gun limitation for future capital ships, Mr. Anthony Eden was asked if it might be assumed that the London Naval Treaty was worthless.

Mr. Eden replied that he would not at all assume that. The Foreign Secretary also stated that there was no intention at present on the part of the British Government to move for revision of the treaty.—*British Wireless*.

FRONTIER VALLEY BOMBED

R.A.F. Planes Seek
Tribe's Refuges
Hindus and Sikhs
Kidnapped

Bannu, Apr. 7.
The bombing of the Shakti Valley area of Waziristan where hostile tribesmen have been sheltering, has been commenced. Aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force have been observed flying low and dropping bombs, the effects of which are as yet unknown, as the territory is inaccessible.
The authorities gave the valley dwellers warning that the bombers would raid the territory and urged those who wished to save their families and their flocks to remove them.

Meanwhile, further tribal outrages have occurred. Three Hindus and one Sikh have been kidnapped from a motor lorry at Knotkwa Jomohod, three miles from Raghunath, making the total number of Hindus and Sikhs carried off by the tribesmen 14.
The Government has forbidden anyone to enter the territory beyond Kurangari, five miles of Bannu, without permission.—*Reuter*.

Two Lost When Ferry Sinks

Collided With Liner
In Heavy Fog

London, Apr. 7.
A collision between a ferry-boat running between Ireland and Scotland and a liner inward-bound from New Zealand, occurred in the Irish Sea this morning, in thick fog, five miles off the Scottish coast.
The passengers from the ferry-boat were rescued by the liner, but the captain and a fireman were lost. The smaller craft sank in 60 fathoms.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

London, Apr. 7.
The lives of the captain and one fireman were lost, and 351 cattle were drowned, when the Lairdmoor, of the Burns and Laird Line, on a night voyage from Dublin to Glasgow, collided early this morning in fog with the Shaw Savill and Albion motor liner Tarannek and sank.—*British Wireless*.

THE CIVIL LIST

London, Apr. 7.
The first meeting of the Select Committee on the Civil List postponed from before Easter, will be held to-morrow.—*British Wireless*.

WAR RAGING FOR BILBAO

Basque Counter-Push Causes New Crisis

REBELS CONDEMN MANY PRISONERS TO DEATH

St. Jean de Luz, April 7.

By land, sea and air the battle for Bilbao is continuing with a fury which makes the engagement one of the bitterest of the whole Spanish war.

The insurgents to-day claim to have buried 876 Government dead as a result of the last few days' fighting. They have captured, they claim, 960 unwounded men, in addition to 116 wounded, who are in hospital at Vittoria.

The unwounded prisoners are being tried daily by court martial and the sentence of death is passed only upon those who "have intervened directly and with arms in the revolutionary movement against Nationalist Spain."

The insurgent artillery is pounding the Basque positions in the Ochandiano sector, and has been for a day and half. The main body of the insurgent army has now reached a point halfway between Ochandiano and Durango.

A Basque counter-attack from Ochandiano has resulted in heavy fighting and the action has not yet been decided.—*Reuter*.

Officers Of Morro Castle Exonerated

New York, Apr. 7.
The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has unanimously reversed the trial court decisions which found acting-Captain William Warrms and Chief Engineer Eben S. Abbott of the Morro Castle guilty of negligence on the high seas. It will be recalled that fire broke out in the ship in September, 1934, resulting in terrible loss of life.

The Appellate Court set aside both verdicts and sentences, two years' imprisonment for Captain Warrms and four years' imprisonment for Chief Engineer Abbott.—*Reuter*.

Large Estate Is Left By Lady Houston

Original Beneficiary
Died Last March

London, April 7.
The late Lady Houston left estate valued at £1,528,000, on which Estate Duty amounted to £690,000.
By a will made aboard the steam yacht Liberty in March, 1930, the whole estate was left to Miss Juliana Margaret Hoare, an aunt of Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, who died in March, 1936.

Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to a sister of testatrix, Mrs. Florence Wrey, one of the persons entitled to a share therein.

It is understood that the sum of £1,528,000 refers only to Lady Houston's estate in the United Kingdom. Her husband, the late Sir Robert Houston, left £7,000,000 when he died in 1926.—*Reuter Special*.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Moscow, Apr. 7.
M. Jacob Suritz, Soviet Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to France in the place of M. Potemkin, who has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Moscow.—*Reuter*.

PURCHASING BIG SUPPLY OF WHEAT

Italy's Orders Send
Prices Upwards

Rome, Apr. 7.
The rise in wheat prices is partly explained by the fact, revealed in statistics for the wheat trade for February, issued by the International Institute of Agriculture, that the Italian Government bought 174,000 tons of wheat in that month.

This figure compares with 20,400 tons bought in February, 1936, whilst during the seven months ended February 28 Italy bought 591,000 tons, as against 100,000 tons in the corresponding period of last year.—*Reuter Special*.

Catholics Face Trial For Treason

Germany Advertising
Spectacular Case

Berlin, Apr. 7.
Glorious headlines in the German newspapers announce the beginning of the trial, before the Second Senate of the People's Court, of seven Roman Catholics, including two priests and two prominent members of Catholic youth organisations, on a charge of preparing for high treason by allegedly supporting Communist plans for a united Communist Catholic front.

The accused include Father Joseph Rosenthal, head of the Catholic Youth Group at Dueseldorf; Father Karl Kremer, former head of the Peace Society; Franz Sieber, Reich Leader of the Catholic Youth Group; and Father Jakob Clemens, Secretary General of the Catholic Young Men's Association.—*Reuter*.

DINING within the EMPIRE

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Pineapple Cocktails

The small pineapples from South Africa make excellent fruit cocktails and compotes. They are more juicy if boiling water is poured over them and they are left in it for a few minutes before taking off the outside skin.

Remove all the eyes carefully, cut into small pieces, sprinkle with Canadian maple sugar, and then squeeze with lemon juice. Chill before serving. The pineapple can be mixed with a few shelled South African lychees or some halved and stoned black grapes, or the addition of granadilla pulp gives an unusual flavour.

Clam Cream Soup

Canada supplies excellent tinned clams, and these can be made into a good cream soup. Drain the juice from the clams, and put in a double saucepan with as much milk as will fill the empty tin. Thicken with butter and cornflour, add the finely chopped clams, and cook gently for about 15 minutes. The soup can be rubbed through a sieve if preferred.

Baked Salmon

Choose thick slices of Canadian salmon, wash and dry them and put in a buttered baking tin. Chop half a small onion finely, mix with some salt, pepper, and a little grated nutmeg, sprinkle over the fish and put a lump of butter on each slice. Bake in a hot oven, basting frequently. Drain before serving, and coat

SUGGESTED DISHES

Pineapple Cocktails

Clam Cream Soup

Baked Salmon and Tomato

Sauce

Breaded Lamb Cutlets

Green Peas

Avocado Salad

Cheese and Asparagus

Savoury

with Canadian tomato sauce, or serve it separately.

Breaded Lamb Cutlets

New Zealand provides lamb cutlets, and these are improved if sprinkled with olive oil and left for some hours before cooking. Drain them, coat with beaten egg and fine breadcrumbs, lightly seasoned and mixed with a little powdered mint. Fry in butter and drain well. Excellent tinned green peas from our home country are available throughout the year, and can be cooked in the various attractive ways suggested in the cookery leaflets supplied with the tins.

Avocado Pears

Avocado pears, from South Africa, make an unusual salad. Allow half a pear for each person, scoop out the pulp, and chop it lightly. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and lemon juice, mix with a little chopped celery and one or two chopped olives, put back in the shells, and finish with a little mayonnaise.

Cheese and Asparagus

For the savoury, Canada supplies the asparagus tips and New Zealand the grated cheese. Drain the asparagus, toss lightly in butter, put on fingers of buttered toast, cover with grated cheese, and brown under the grill.

There are plums, peaches, and nectarines from South Africa for dessert, as well as pears and grapes, or such exotic fruits as custard apples, to be eaten with a spoon, or Cape gooseberries, which are delicious if the papery cases are folded back and the fruit dipped in sugar.

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FOR THE TEA-TIME HOUR

HERE is something particularly feminine about blouses. However severe your tailor-made, you can give your outfit a pleasing womanly look when choosing blouses to go with it.

Organdie, so easy to launder, is going to be a favourite. In the illustration you see a blouse designed in this material that carries all before it, so wide and large are the frills that have been introduced down the front.

For wear later on in the day, blouses in this attractive material are cut bolero shape and bordered with vividly coloured flowers.

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LACE, too, has a front place in Coronation fashions. Both day and evening blouses are being made of this good wearing texture material. For day wear, styles are neat looking with long, tight-fitting sleeves, with just a hint of fullness at the shoulder.

It is in the evening when long satin or crepe skirts are donned that one sees lace blouses in their beauty. Enormous sleeves, slashed backs, frilly and straight basques, short bolero effects, each individual note of fashion gives something to that most useful item of the wardrobe—the lace blouse.

Lace has the inestimable merit of always looking up again looking as fresh as can be. It will go triumphantly through the evening without a crease and come up again quite cheerfully for several other parties. A tip tilted hat is required to go with our third blouse (in soft red chiffon) from the Paris shows. Cleverly draped sleeves give a high look to the shoulders without making them square.

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ALL these blouse fashions are absolutely in keeping with the jaunty low crowned hats that are a feature of the hat collections. A small white paper straw bird perches on the brim edge of a flat boater shape, or is poised on a toque just as if a feathered songster had alighted for one short moment.

A few flowers stretched on a net foundation make a pretty cap-shaped hat. Here, too, you can let your fancy run riot. You can be as colourful as an herbaceous border. A narrow band of flowers instead of elastic will keep your toque balanced at the right angle.



Mary Grace's
Fashion News

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Give your jewels a face-clean

EMERALDS, onyx, jade, diamonds, corallines, sapphires, rubies—all hard, sparkling stones—should be bathed in hot soapsuds to which a little ammonia has been added. Use a wooden or China bowl. Scrub briskly with a small soft brush in and around the setting. Dry with silk, soft linen or a scrap of blotting paper rolled into a point. Shaking in jeweller's sawdust gives these stones an extra twinkle and dries them thoroughly.

Soft, delicate gems, such as opals, lapis lazuli, turquoise and pearls, need lukewarm water. Pearls should have a twice-yearly professional cleaning and re-stringing. Artificial pearls which have lost their lustre should be dipped in French chalk or powdered magnesia, and dusted with silk after a day or two.

Soup and water washes crystal, which should then be dropped in cold water containing washing blue. Clean translucent mother of pearl with a soft cloth dipped in salad oil, polishing gently with silk.

Puffy powder mixed with olive oil makes silver jewellery glisten after polishing. Sifted whiting and ammonia is effective on badly tarnished antiques. Let it dry.

A thin coating of jeweller's powder or paste left to dry and removed with a soft brush is good for marcasite. Use this dry-clean, too, for artificially coloured gems, such as rhinestones. Water cracks the metal coating at the back.

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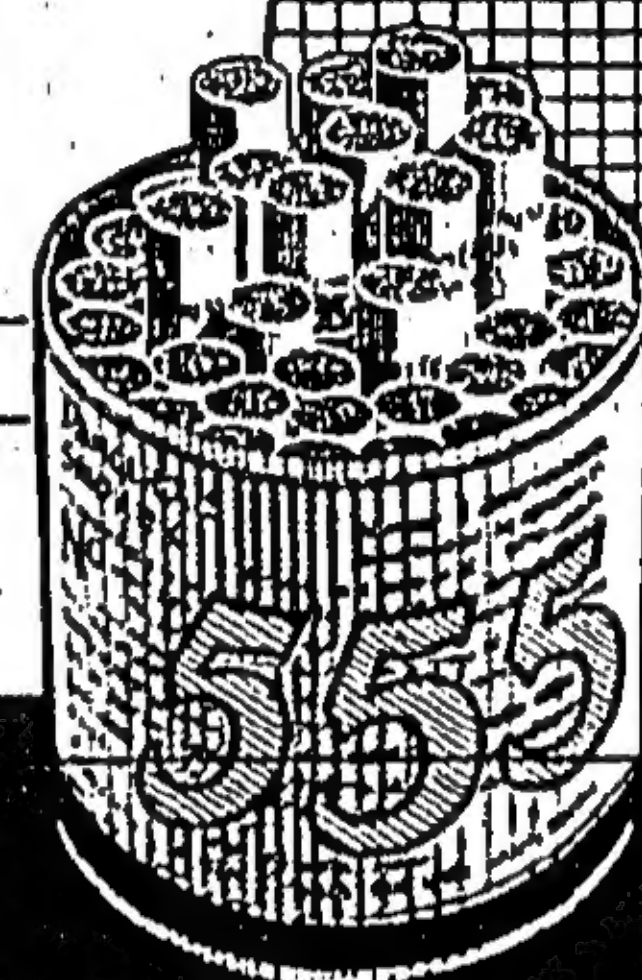
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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE TOPICS

Big Problems That Face Empire Delegates

The agenda for the Imperial Conference, which opens in London on May 14, were outlined by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons recently.

Mr. Baldwin said the conference would afford an opportunity for discussing matters of common interest to members of the British Commonwealth under the following heads:

- (1) Foreign affairs and defence.
- (2) Constitutional questions.
- (3) Trade, shipping and air communications and allied questions.

"As regards foreign affairs and defence," said Mr. Baldwin, "the agenda will include the examination of the general situation, together with any relative questions of a less general character that may require consideration."

"As regards constitutional questions, particular subjects proposed for consideration are certain matters relating to Commonwealth Treaty procedure and international status of members of the British Commonwealth and channels of communication between them."

SHIPPING AND AIR

As regards shipping and air communications and allied questions, the Premier went on, the following would be the main headings:

- (1) General review of progress of Empire trade and questions arising therefrom.
- (2) A review of the work of the Imperial Economic Committee and other organisations in the economic sphere.
- (3) General questions arising in connection with shipping policy, including review of the work of the Imperial Shipping Committee.
- (4) Civil air communication.

It had been generally agreed by His Majesty's Governments that any question arising out of the Ottawa Agreement could best be dealt with as occasion arose in separate discussion between individual Governments concerned and apart from the Imperial Conference.

It was hoped there would be opportunity during the course of the Imperial Conference for an exchange of views on the subject of migration within the Empire.

They Will Guard The Crown Jewels

ELEVEN MEN HAVE IMPORTANT TASK

London, Apr. 1. Behind the ancient gray walls of the Tower of London the warders are drilling daily for two important coronation duties—guarding the crown jewels during the time they will be away from the tower for the crowning, and forming the guard of honour at the west entrance to Westminster Abbey, where the King and Queen will enter.

The men to guard the priceless jewels will be 11 in number, the gaoler and 10 yeoman warders, whose picturesque flat-topped, straight-brimmed velvet hats and short capes are familiar to tourist sightseers.

ANCIENT WEAPONS

All the warders are being drilled in the handling of ancient weapons, which they will carry at the ceremony. This majestic pageantry will, of course, be supplemented by keen-eyed Scotland Yard operatives capable of coping with any emergency threatening the crown jewels or the persons of Their Majesties.

The gunners at the tower are looking forward to a big day on May 12 when they will fire no less than 248 salutes. At dawn there will be a salvo of 62 guns, another 62 will announce the departure of King George and Queen Elizabeth from Buckingham Palace, a further 62 will boom when they arrive at the abbey and a final 62 will be fired to announce the actual crowning.

ROYAL SALUTES

The group of 62 is divided: 21 for the royal salute, 21 for the tower, which technically is a royal palace and fortress, and 20 for the City of London. The salutes will be fired by a detachment of the Honourable Artillery Company, tower gunners, an organization which will celebrate its 400th anniversary this summer. Excavations at the entrance of the tower are being rushed to completion before the flood of coronation visitors arrives, and will change the appearance of the old landmark for those who have seen it before. The plan is to expose, as one of the sights of the tower, the remains of the Lion tower, the Lion Gate and the causeway with the drawbridge that was in ancient times the connecting link with the Middle tower. These outer defences, built during the reign of Henry III 600 years ago, were partially demolished and have been buried since 1833.

HEALTH SECRET OF THE SEASIDE

By A Medical Correspondent

An attempt to study scientifically what makes the seaside such an excellent recovery ground for convalescent children is described in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal*.

On an island in the North Sea there are two large and many small convenient homes belonging to various municipal and insurance organisations in Germany, together with a small laboratory where studies could be made.

One of the most interesting investigations was concerned with diet and storage. A certain group of boys before arriving at the seaside, went to a special diet clinic in Hamburg where their chemistry was studied while on a special diet. Then they went to the seaside with the same nurse and on the same diet in the town. Yet, now it was found that they were retaining in the system large quantities of essential foodstuffs for body-building purposes and up went their weight.

QUICKER PROCESSES

Studies of the oxygen consumption of the body at the seaside shows that the whole chemistry and burning up processes are working at higher level, and exact measurements of the gastric juices upon the same children in town and at the seaside show that there is a marked increase when they are under the influence of the sea climate.

Other studies have shown that the haemoglobin of the blood increases not only under the influence of sunshine but under the influence of fresh air alone. Indeed, sunlight appears to play a comparatively minor part in the changes here mentioned and some authorities consider that the best results for convalescent children at the seaside are obtained in the winter.

Two Billion Years As Age of Earth Latest Reckoning

Cambridge, Mass., Apr. 1.

TAKING measurements with a new "yardstick" created by recently-discovered radio-active substances, Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard geology professor, estimates that the earth is about 2,000,000,000 years old.

"Although for more than a century geologists have possessed a very satisfactory technique for determining the relative age of various events in the history of the earth," he says, "it is only within the last few years that they have had a satisfactory method for measuring the lapse of time."

He said the oldest minerals, the age of which is known, are about 1,800,000,000 years old, and many specimens indicate ages greater than 600,000 years. —United Press.

SOVIET REGIMENT OF BOYS

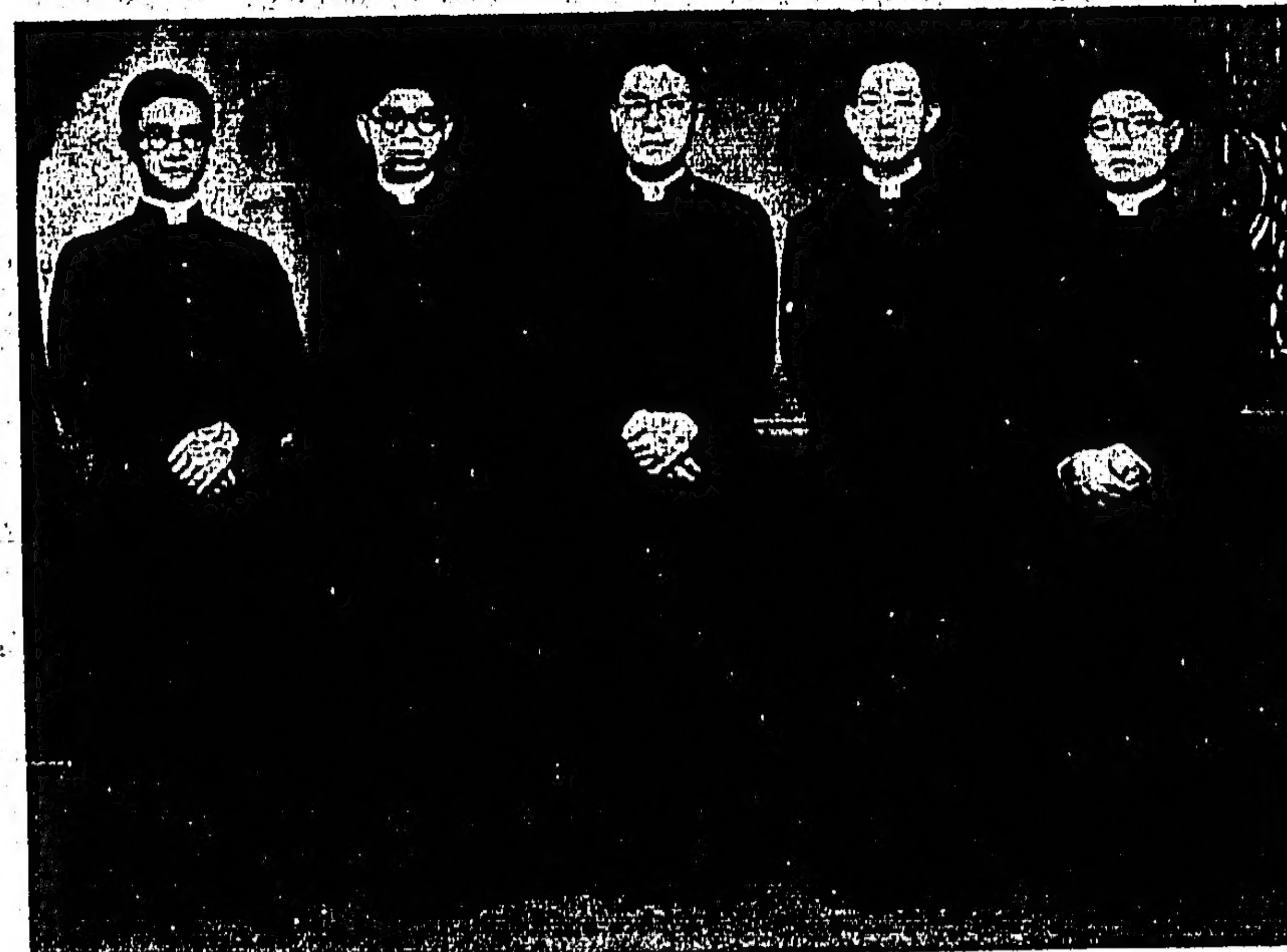
Helsingfors, Apr. 1.

The Soviet Government's decision to militarise the youth of Russia has already led to the formation of a regiment entirely composed of boys in their teens.

The colonel is a sixteen-year-old youth named Romanoff, who is claimed to have shown considerable promise at the rifle butts and an extraordinary aptitude for military strategy.

Both officers and "men" of this remarkable regiment, the first of its kind in history, are awarded the same ranks as in the regular army. They also have a "political commissar" and their own band.

Other juvenile regiments are in course of formation in different parts of the country.



Five young Catholic priests who were recently Ordained in Hongkong by Mgr. Valtorta, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese.

Green Fire Engines—in Germany

Berlin, Apr. 1.

Everything is changing its colour in Germany.

Fire engines, which hitherto were red, are to be painted green by order of Himmler, chief of the German Police, and of the Hitler Guards. —Exchange.

GOLF GIRL FOUND DRUGGED

New York, Apr. 1.

BEATRICE GOTTLIEB, who played golf with the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales, was found unconscious, in silk pyjamas, sprawled across her bed while jurors were deciding to dismiss her \$10,000 claim against cafe proprietor Carcy Phelan, former prize-fighter, alleging criminal assault.

Police say that a box beside her bed had contained sleeping tablets. She is recovering in hospital.

Man Who "Had One" With Dickens

ONE of the last personal links with Charles Dickens has been severed by the death of Mr. C. E. Vining, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, at the age of 81.

Mr. Vining recalled his first meeting with Dickens. Calling one day at the "Sir John Falstaff" inn near Gads Hill, in 1865, he was asked by a man in the bar to "have one."

Young Vining said: "Thank you, sir, but I must do my business as a tobacco salesman first; then I'll have nothing stronger than peppermint." "You are a good young man to get your business done first."

Later Dickens invited him to a reading of "All the Year Round," and told to ask at the lecture hall for Mr. Dickens.

He created a sensation when he demanded "Mr. Dickens" in person, but Dickens came out, found him a good box seat, and saw that he had an enjoyable evening.

After this opening Mr. Vining was a regular attendant at all Dickens' readings, though perhaps the fact that the novelist took him to his club after the show was also some inducement.

Mr. Vining recalled Dickens as a "half-fellow well met" type, always ready to stand a round of drinks, and was especially interested in travellers.

Another link with these leisure days was Mr. Vining's business of the old "Churchwarden" pipes.

Loneliest Islanders Say Make Us British

Capetown, Apr. 1.

THE inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, the world's loneliest island, want their home recognized as an established unit of the British Empire, according to a radio message from the visiting cruiser *Carlisle*. They are also anxious to make it plain that stories that Tristan is facing starvation and is infested with rats are myths. The *Carlisle* found the islanders in perfect health. —Reuter.

Michael, Born In 1813, Gets 7s. 6d. And Talks Of George The First

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Manchester, Apr. 1.

BELIEVE it or not, but Michael Moore walked into the office of the relief committee here to-day and told them that he was born in 1813 and that his father fought in the Battle of Waterloo.

"Wait a bit, Michael," said the chairman, Councillor Cathcart, and sent for the pension records. According to some of them Michael was well over 110, anyway. The committee gazed at him with some astonishment. "It's quite right," croaked the patriarch, stroking his long white beard.

No one there was able to contradict him. So they gave Michael an extra 7s. 6d. a week "because of great age." It seemed to be the least they could do.

TALES OF NAPOLEON

Michael walked back to his lodgings in Gaylor-street, a quarter of a mile away, twirled his stick, smiled now and then—perhaps recalling funny stories his father had told him about Napoleon and the Iron Duke.

To-night he showed me that stick of his. It is very short. "Ever since I became a centenarian," he said, "I've cut a bit off each year."

"I don't care what I do. I was a trawler hand once. A shoemaker too. And a bootblack. And a night watchman. But that was a goodish time ago."

I interrupted him to ask who was King when he was born. "It was a George," said Michael. "I forget which. I expect it was George the First."

"But I was young then, you know."

Strikers' Barrage Of Hoses

Bordeaux, Apr. 1.

THERE was a dramatic scene here to-day when hundreds of French seamen on strike played a barrage of hoses on the quays from three liners to paralyse all activity in the port.

The men had occupied the liners Meknes (8,127 tons), Cap Padaran (8,009 tons), and Euron (10,183 tons) and the officers were forced to leave. The Prefect has ordered the sailors to be brought before the tribunal for this action while their claims are under arbitration.

Yesterday the strikers placed 12 ships across the channel in the Gironde, thus preventing a number of other vessels, including five British, from leaving.

Among the British vessels were the *Comet* (1,171 tons), *Grebe* (880 tons), and *Consett* (1,368 tons). To-day the blockade was called off and the strikers' ships moved away, but the men's demands have been met.

They have secured an 11 per cent. increase in wages, but as their claim to a 40-hour week is still under consideration the strike continues.

Swim Suits Are Made Of Metal Now

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WRONG TO KEEP THE UNFIT ALIVE

—Dr. Barnes

THE Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. E. W. Barnes, preaching before the University of Oxford recently, stated:

"The cost of social derelicts, and specially of the feeble-minded, is harmful in that indirectly it presses on all classes. I cannot think it right to keep alive individuals whom doctors know to be doomed from birth to a sub-human existence. A false humanitarianism is at the present time a drag on social progress."

"It is well to emphasize that the lower-middle and artisan classes are the most valuable population-reservoir of the country. They replenish the wealthier classes which constantly tend to disappear; and from them comes, at an interval of a generation or two, many of the nation's leaders."

"But it must also be said that in the lowest social stratum there is an unduly high incidence of mental deficiency, insanity, epilepsy, tuberculosis, and other physical disorders."

STERILISATION

"We need to know much more of the mode of transmission of these scourges and no effective means of eliminating them will be possible until medical progress enables their latent existence to be discovered. Since those showing such defects almost always transmit them to their children, they ought to be childless. It is discreditable to us as a nation that the recommendations of the Brook Committee on voluntary sterilisation have so far been ignored by the Government."

"Student patients will not, and should not, bring children into the world if they are to be ill-fed and ill-housed."



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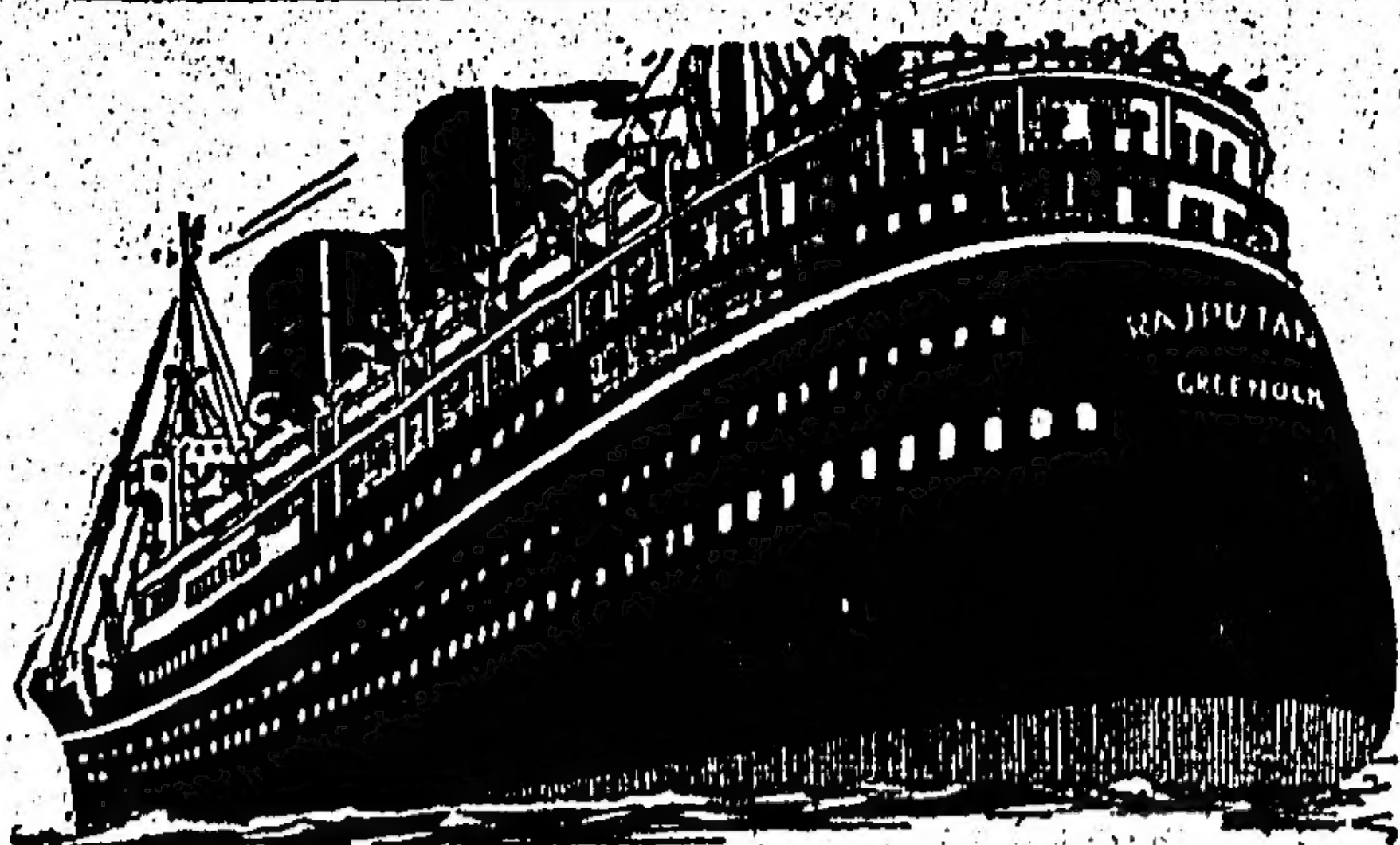
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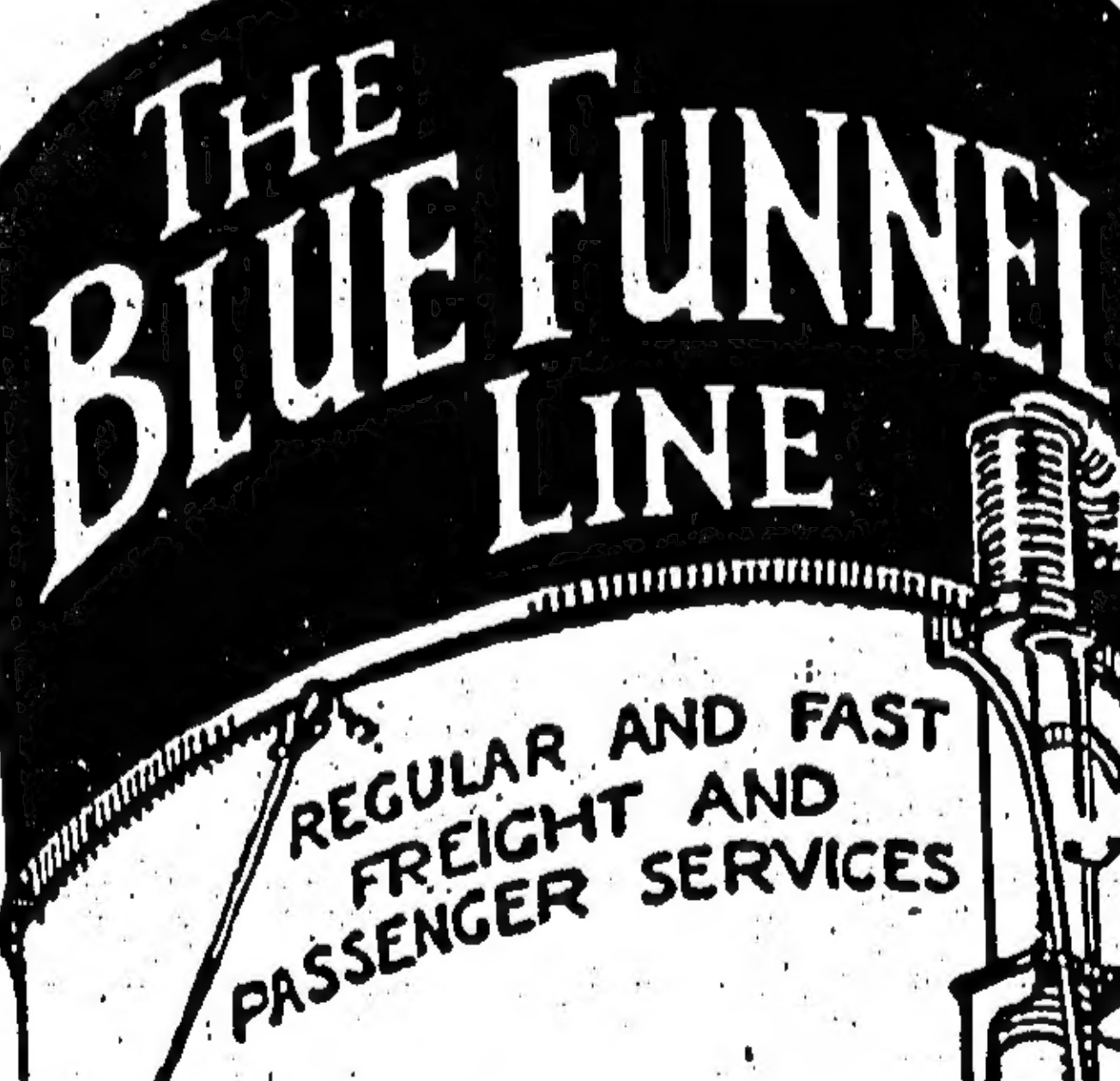
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TANDA	7,000	4th June	
NANKIN	7,000	2nd July	Melbourne & Hobart.

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SANTHIA	8,000	29th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
Rawalpindi	17,000	29th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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VIOLIN RECITAL

Josef Lampkin In Brilliant Form

Josef Lampkin, the American violin virtuoso, gave a recital at the King's Theatre last night and left a memory of fragrant, melodious, and majestic music to be stored away with Hongkong's other treasures bequeathed by Zimballist, Heitz and Kenee Chemet.

Some years have passed since the Colony has enjoyed such a remarkable performance. Remarkable both in its offerings and for its flawless interpretation. If the programme at first sight was a little frightening, this fear was immediately dispelled by the virtuoso who drew a spontaneous feeling of friendliness and appreciation from his audience. In every item Mr. Lampkin displayed a technique and tonal beauty which fascinated and charmed his hearers.

His "Satyr and Dryads" was startling in its originality of interpretation, but its effectiveness as a musical poem could never be doubted. It was Mr. Lampkin's first performance of this remarkable piece of music, but it is safe to believe that he cannot afford to leave it out of future programmes.

The virtuoso's most important contribution before the intermission was Vieuxtemps' "Concerto in D Minor," a composition of delicacy and grandeur which Mr. Lampkin treated in a manner which demonstrated to the full his fine musicianship.

The second half of the programme was the more interesting, however, probably because of its intimate variety. Magnificent was his rendition of Vieuxtemps' impressionistic work "The Wind," and the player had to repeat it. In striking contrast and revealing the full power of his technique was "Hera Staccato," written by Diniuc in an arrangement by Hofstad. To "Satyr and Dryads" Mr. Lampkin gave as an encore the gorgeous "Air on G String" by Bach which enraptured the audience, and later, as a special item he contributed the lovely "Songs My Mother Taught Me."

His interpretation of Kreisler's arrangement of De Falla's "Dance Espagnole" was flawless and diverting, but the piece which had everyone spellbound was "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky Korsakov which took the place of the advertised "Moto Perpetuo" (Paganini).

Mr. Lampkin's generous response to insistent demands for encores was thoroughly appreciated, and his final offering, Veracini's "Largo," was an appropriate climax to a memorable recital.

Mr. Harry Ore was a sympathetic and discreet accompanist.—S. A. G.

EXCHANGE RATES

	April 6.	April 7.
Paris.....	100.29/64	100.39/64
Geneva.....	21.51	21.50
Berlin.....	12.10 1/2	12.10
Athens.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
Milan.....	93.9/32	93.5/32
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Oslo.....	19.90	19.90
Shanghai.....	1/2.17/32	1/2.17/32
New York.....	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.98	8.98 1/2
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Frankfurt.....	140 1/2	140 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2.11	1/2.11
Bombay.....	1/6.18	1/6.18
Montreal.....	4.80	4.80
Brussels.....	29.12	29.07 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	213	213
Monte Video.....	39 1/2	39 1/2
Rio.....	4 1/4	4 1/4
Bucharest.....	60 1/2	60 1/2
30 Industrials.....	102.08	102.08
20 Rails.....	60.08	58.26
Silver (forward).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2

—British Wireless.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET DOWNWARD YESTERDAY

New York, April 7.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of to-day's markets.—To-day witnessed one of the year's severest declines. Steels were hardest hit and U.S. Steel lost more than 5 points. Chrysler lost more than 5 points, while rails were down from 1 to 5. Some higher-priced stocks declined 10 points or more. The early decline followed the break on the London market and selling pressure was renewed prior to the close. The tickers lagged behind the market and many new lows were registered for the year. Professional traders have extended their short lines. Home-stake mining lost 13 points, while rubbers lost 3 points. Bonds registered new lows, while curb stocks were also lower, led by minings.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal morning comment.—Some traders are of the opinion that the market has failed to respond satisfactorily to the better labour outlook. Technically, the ability of all shares to hold above the 80 level yesterday is regarded as being encouraging. There is little demand for commodities for the present. Some rails shares are being sold by speculators which had carried them to new highs. There has been some profit-taking in amusement shares. Loans taking in amusement shares. Loans taking in amusement shares. Loans taking in amusement shares.

The Street is at present extremely bullish on oil shares. S. C. & F. New York office reports: Stocks: Prices higher sharply to-day and, while indications are that somewhat the balance of the month, the decline of to-day's decline is such as to warrant expectation of a fairly good technical rebound. Those willing to try for a trading turn might consider purchasing previously recommended oils, rubbers and store stocks. The price of lead has been reduced by 1 cent to 6 cents per lb.

Cotton: Considering the volume of liquidation to-day, the market acted well. World-wide concerns at the effect of commodity advances on living costs is giving rise to rumours of remedial action, none of which have been confirmed, but these are causing uneasiness and liquidation and are tending towards further caution on the part of buyers, which is accentuated by the general reactionary attitude and the action of the Stock Market. There has been a steady demand for news. The Journal of Commerce' estimate of 100,000 domestic consumption shows 100,000 bales, which is the largest on record for March.

Wheat: Good support met an early decline in prices. The near position shows little change, but the excellent new-crop outlook will be a possible early factor in distant. Australian offers are stiffening on United Kingdom demand. European demand is fair, but lighter.

Corn: The moderate increase in country sales was insufficient to affect the near position. The cash market was firm and offerings were readily absorbed.

Rubber: Estimated Dutch shipments for March, in addition to the increase in Malayan shipments, have accentuated the heavy general liquidation. Dealers and factories remain aloof and the market is apparently still vulnerable to selling. Sporadic General Motors strikes continue and these have partially offset the settlement of the Chrysler strike.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

	April 6.	April 7.
30 Industrials.....	102.08	102.08
20 Rails.....	60.08	58.26
20 Utilities.....	31.61	30.98
40 Bonds.....	101.12	100.94
11 Commodity Index.....	80.79	79.54

CINEMA NOTES

Captain Hugh Drummond, better known to the world as "Bulldog Drummond," master sleuth and soldier-of-fortune, is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day, in by far the breeziest of the famous series, "Bulldog Drummond Escapes." Drummond, played by Ray Milland, drops into London out of the fog finds himself chin deep in mystery. He solves it, sees that the miscreants get their just deserts and wins the girl—all in eight action-packed hours. His old pal, "Algy," is portrayed by Reginald Denny, and Inspector Nicholson of Scotland Yard, his friendly enemy, is excellently enacted by Sir Guy Standing. The girl in the case is charming Heather Angle, and the villain is that most villainous of screen villains, Porter Hall—this time with beard! Milland handles the role of Drummond to perfection. The film is treated in light-hearted manner and makes excellent entertainment for the entire family.

"Gay Desperado"

Nino Martini, world famous singing star of radio, opera and films, comes to the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday, in "Gay Desperado." Ida Lupino and Leo Carrillo are featured in support of the handsome tenor. "The Gay Desperado" completely discards the conventional plot formula for films starring famous singers and tells a fast-moving romantic story of a gay and glamorous Mexican bandito who sings his way out of a succession of difficulties, saving his life and winning the girl by the magic of his voice. "The Gay Desperado" is laid below the Rio Grande, with picturesque natural backgrounds for its settings. Among the numbers sung by Martini in the film are "The World Is Mine To-night," "The Verd' aria," "Celeste Aida," the highlight of the operatic music and three famous Mexican songs, "Cielito Lindo," "Lamento Gitano" and "Estrellita" complete the star's diversified repertoire in the film. "The Gay Desperado" also marks the cinema debut of the "Trovadores Chicanos," famous Mexican string orchestra, and "Senor Batista," Mexico's greatest guitar player.

"The Good Fairy"

In "The Good Fairy," which comes to-day to the Majestic Theatre and in which Margaret Sullivan is starred with Herbert Marshall, the character that she plays, Lu, was inspired by looking at romantic and heroic motion pictures to become "The Good Fairy." You see, Lu is a theatre usherette. Her outlook on life is very much circumscribed, but the screen opens to her a world of opportunity to do good deeds. While the flicker romance is on the screen, a tremendous determination to help others grows in Lu's heart, until she is inspired to do the most amazing, most unconventional and most dangerous things, all for the good of other people, and all without any selfish interest or thought of the position in which she might be placed. The psychology of "The Good Fairy" is the same psychology that Margaret Sullivan has always exhibited, anyway. No deserving person ever applied to her without awakening a warm response. "The Good Fairy" contains a cast of superlative actors. Herbert Marshall plays Dr. Sporum, for whom she plans many of her desperate good deeds. Frank Morgan plays Konard, Reginald Owen, Alan Hale, Beulah Bondi, June Clayworth, Al Bridges, George Davis, Cesar Romero, Matt McHugh, Frank Moran, Dick Winslow, Anne Darling, Phyllis Ludwig, Aline Carroll complete the cast.

"Luckiest Girl In The World"

Running up the comedy scale from amusing to uproarious, and containing a tender love story with a new approach, Universal's first rate laugh hit, "The Luckiest Girl In The World," opens at the Alhambra Theatre to-day, featuring Jane Wyatt and Louis Hayward. The picture relates the misadventures of a strong-willed

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

	New York Cotton	
May.....	14.30/37	14.07/09
July.....	14.24/26	13.01/83
October.....	13.71/73	13.37/39
December.....	13.64/65	13.20/20
January.....	13.67/67	13.32/32
Mar. (1938).....	13.71/71	13.30/30
Spot.....	14.00	14.07

	New York Rubber	
May.....	25.50/50	24.35/35
July.....	25.70/70	24.57/50
September.....	25.60/65	24.50/50
December.....	25.78n	24.50/50
January.....	25.75n	24.47n
March.....	25.75/75	24.42n
Total sales.....	12,220 tons.	

	Chicago Wheat	
May.....	142 1/4/143 1/4	141 1/4/141 1/4
July.....	128 1/4/128 3/4	127 1/2/127 1/2
Sept.....	124 1/4/124 1/2	123 1/2/123 1/2
Tuesday's sales.....	47,938,000 bushels.	

	Chicago Corn	
May.....	120 1/4/120 1/2	130 1/4/130 1/4
July.....	120 1/4/120 1/2	121 1/2/121 1/2
Sept.....	111 1/4/111 1/2	112 1/4/112 1/4

	Winnipeg Wheat	
May.....	140 1/4/140 1/2	147 1/4/147 1/4
July.....	143 1/4/144	142 1/4/142 1/4
Oct.....	127 1/2/127 1/2	126 1/4/126 1/4

heirless who shares kitchen privileges with a dashing young cavalier. The lively dialogue sparkles with gay humour and the sprightly situations keep getting funnier as the story unfolds. Every member of the cast delivers a smooth portrayal. The picture is made more enjoyable by Eugene Pallette's work as the millionaire father, Catherine Doucet's interpretation as the mother, Philip Reed as the penniless tennis player and Viola Callahan as the landlady who dispenses kitchen privileges. "The Luckiest Girl in the World" is taken from the Ladies' Home Journal story, "Kitchen Privileges," by Anne Jordan. The screen play was written by Herbert Fields and Henry Myers.

"Give Me Your Heart"

"Give Me Your Heart," the Cosmopolitan production released by Warner Bros., which is opening at the King's Theatre to-day, is noteworthy for its beauty and enchantment and the sheer power of its dramatic drama. The picture, based on the smashing stage hit by Joy Malloy, was made for Kay Francis. The intensely emotional situations of the play offer her the finest dramatic opportunity of her career, and she rises to them with all brilliant artistry for which she is famous. There is a remarkably brilliant supporting cast which includes such famous players of stage and screen as George Brent, Roland Young, Patric Knowles, Henry Stephenson, Frieda Inescort, Helen Flint, Halliwell Hobbes, Zeffie Tilbury and Elsiebeth Dugdes. The play is ultra with a startlingly daring plot, which is handled with the utmost sincerity and delicacy.

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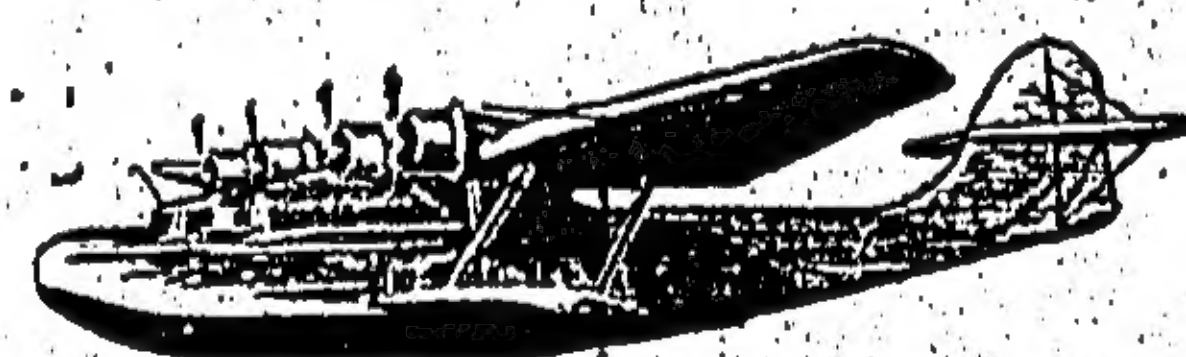


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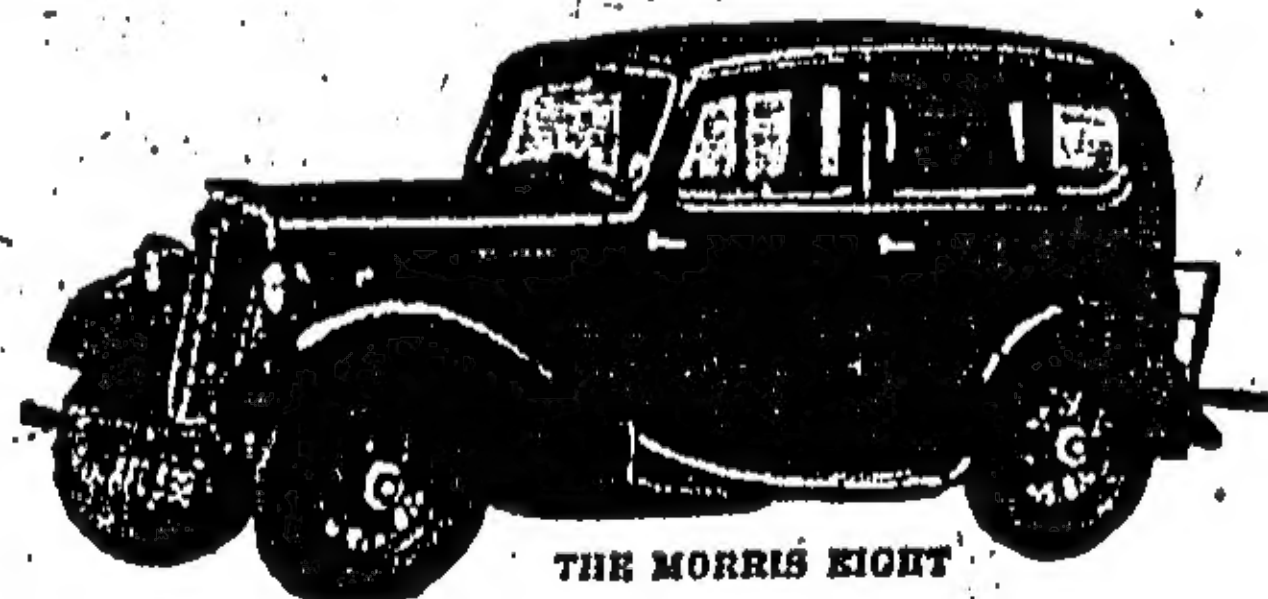
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AMERICA AND EUROPE

Whilst the United States still maintains its traditional policy of keeping out of foreign entanglements, there have been constant reminders of late that the American Government and the American people are deeply interested in events in Europe, as they must inevitably be in these days, when happenings in one part of the world have their reactions in others. Indeed, it is clearly realised in official circles that circumstances might arise in which the United States would become involved in a world war, should one, unhappily, again break out. The American Ambassador to France, speaking recently in regard to the position of the United States in relation to the international situation, declared: "We hope to stay out of war, but we are entirely aware that there is always some possibility that some nation may be sufficiently reckless to drive us into war." This speech, as might have been expected, has received worldwide notice, and has set people in many parts of the globe talking about the possible action which America might take in any future major war. Mr. Bullitt referred to the unsuccessful efforts to keep out of the last war and in this connection it is important to recall that Japan was then on the same side as the United States. The war that Americans have in mind is one in which Japan, in view of her alliances, might reasonably be expected to be engaged in—an offensive war. Any student of American affairs must know that the only threat to American interests and American security which American citizens fear is that which might come from Japan, their nearest Great Power neighbour, if one excepts British Canada. Questioned on the subject almost any American will admit that it would be more difficult to keep out of a general war in which Japan assumed the offensive than it was to keep out of the Great War. Mr. Bullitt's speech should at any rate serve as a wholesome deterrent to any would-be aggressors, more particularly as it was prefaced by a declaration that "we are not indifferent to the state of those countries which carry on the great traditions of Western civilisation." In this regard, the United States and Britain stand on common ground, and in any future threat to democracies it seems certain that they would be found side by side once again.

ONE of our memories of pre-war school-days was the Fifth of November, when we celebrated the famous gunpowder plot with much gusto and many fire-crackers.

Whenever a new Parliament meets in London, a ceremonial search is made in the basements of the Palace of Westminster; for we still remember Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder.

Hongkong school-kiddies, probably through environment, do not possess the facilities we had at Home for celebrating one of the happiest of juvenile anniversaries.

But this article is not about school-boys, or gunpowder plots in underground cellars. It is about another danger, not underneath but above, far deadlier than any store of explosive. Are we not too unconcerned of that shadow over the heart of Hongkong—the shadow of a military aeroplane?

Remember that the position for Hongkong is very different now from what it was in 1914-1918.

No Power in the world could have threatened Hongkong from the air in the grim days of the Great War.

The increase of range and reliability of aircraft affects every person in Hongkong. In the War we were safe from aggression from the sea, land and air. The sea, because the waters surrounding a heavily fortified Hongkong could have been heavily mined at the mere suggestion of the approach of hostile warships; the land, because of our topographical features; the air, because of the limited range of aircraft.

TO-DAY, one aeroplane can drop several thousands of incendiary bombs, each capable of starting a fire-centre which water cannot extinguish. Even if, by a miracle of skill, half the number of aeroplanes in a raid were brought down—a performance never approached in the last war—the surviving raiders would suffice to burn out essential services, dockyards, water works and lay a ring of fires round the city.

Whilst the weapons become more destructive, cities do not become less vulnerable. Think what your home would be like if the gas main had been blown up, the electricity cut off at the source, and the sewers interrupted by a few explosions. A modern city is made possible by a network of pipes like the veins of a fragile body.

Against this danger no adequate defence by military means

is known or seems likely to be invented.

"Despite the steps which the Government are taking to increase the Air Force for Home Defence and the ground anti-aircraft defences, it is impossible to guarantee immunity from attack. The increasing speed of aircraft makes the task of defence progressively more difficult, and their greater weight-carrying capacity adds to the damage which can be effected even by a single aircraft which eludes the defenders."

That warning is not mine but is quoted from the British Government's air defence circular to local authorities.

Even if we had twice as many aircraft as any possible combination of attackers, that would not give reliable security; and our predominance would be regarded by others as a danger to themselves.

Even if a million gas masks were issued next week, and if each of us except the babies could put on our mask in time, and if each mask was perfectly effective against the type of gas for which it was designed, those masks would be useless if the enemy, warned by his secret service, took the simple precaution of using some other type of gas.

We are promised several squadrons of Royal Air Force machines, as soon as they are available, but even ten squadrons may prove ineffective against a mass attack by enemy bombers.

BUT we can at least obtain the best possible safeguard at present available, and it is this that we urgently require.

Civilisation has brought the enemy, even if he is as far away from the Colony as Soviet Russia, Italy or Germany, to the front doors of Hongkong or Singapore. Although Singapore might be attacked, it is hardly

likely that any European Power would bother about Hongkong. But where we gain from geographical advantages vis-a-vis Europe, we lose vis-a-vis Asia.

Both China and Japan have aerial fleets which, should the necessity ever arise, could bomb Hongkong and Singapore out of existence.

The remarkable flight this week of the two Japanese aviators en route to London for the Coronation typifies the speed at which modern bombers could travel.

The two men left Taihoku, in northern Formosa, at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday and passed south of Hongkong at 1.15 p.m.—exactly three hours. From Koshun, in southern Formosa, to Hongkong is only two hours flight for a modern bomber.

It is almost a year since the Government announced the appointment of an Air Raids Precautions Committee to investigate the position in Hongkong. Whatever has been done officially in the intervening period has been shrouded in secrecy.

Newspapers announced that big plans were afoot for the protection of the population. Gas masks were to be made available for all, and gas shelters were to be provided. The populace were to be instructed in the art of protecting themselves against a sudden rain of death from the skies.

But nothing seems to have been done yet to show the public how it is going to be protected, or to instruct civilians what they should do.

The public should be told about these things now—when there is no fear of invasion, no likely enemy on the horizon. To suddenly tell the public of the horrors of gas attack when a gas attack appears imminent would

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create a panic that would be hard to suppress in a Colony where 80 per cent. of the population is of an excitable disposition.

The Government must tell us, through the newspapers, what steps are being taken to protect us. All this talk of heavy expenditure on rearmament of Hongkong is leaving the people with the uneasy feeling that they may be the scapegoats in the event of war—that only those people essential to the defence of Hongkong will receive protection. If Hongkong is to become the outpost for Singapore, as the General Officer Commanding suggested recently, something must be done about the menace from the air. The civilian population is helping to foot the bill for all this new military activity, and is entitled to know what is being done for it in return. It's all very well telling us that we can obtain gas masks by joining the Volunteers, but that won't help our wives and our kiddies.

Soon or late—and it should be soon—Government must take some definite steps to protect the inhabitants of Hongkong and Government should announce what steps it intends taking. Until collective security is again a reality in this part of the Pacific, or a new attempt is made to master aviation the destroyer and to set free aviation for the world's service, the people of Hongkong are entitled to as much protection as can be given them. They must be inoculated against the ravages of war from the air just as, when an epidemic threatens, they are inoculated against diseases. Inoculation cannot be provided by silence and inaction—the people must be told what they are to do and what they are to expect.

At present we seem to be looking on whilst the Guy Fawkeses of 1936—the war pilots—make ready to blow civilisation to bits. —S.

SHAKESPEARE WAS A BUSINESS MAN

By
Robb Lawson

"HOLLYWOOD has passed up its option on William Shakespeare." So it is announced that the film producers have cancelled plans for any further Shakespearean pictures. After spending an average of £250,000 on each production they discover "the idea" spells bad business.

Somewhere in the immortal shades, Shakespeare must be shaking his head. For the Stratford poet happened to be the most commercially-minded and financially successful playwright of his period.

Entering the theatrical profession at the age of 22, he achieved the rare record of being able to retire at the age of 40, on an income of roughly £1,000 per annum.

As the eldest son in a family of eight, he started off with the advantage of a training in his father's business as butcher, millster and general dealer. John Shakespeare was one of the litigious sort and his acquaintance with the vicarages of Elizabethan law was extensive and peculiar. Which may account for son William's frequent incursions into the Law Courts.

Consider how heavily handicapped he was in his first attempts to break into the theatrical world. Married at 18, father of a family of three

at the age of 21, and earning a pittance in Stratford as a school-usher, you can realise how strong must have been the urge when he finally elected to take the plunge.

The moment was unlucky. Then, as now, the profession was overstocked. Secretary Walsingham reported that over 200 players were trying to eke out a precarious living. The City authorities had chased them out of London and they were compelled to tour. In many cases business was so bad the companies had to pawn their costumes.

Will Shakespeare made for Shore-ditch, where, out of City bounds, it was possible for one manager, James Burbage, to carry on play-house performances at The Swan and The Theatre. While he waited he was watching his chance. His own business instinct led him to take up the casual job of taking care of the gentlemen's horses while they enjoyed the two-and-a-half-hour show at The Theatre hardy.

Gradually he turned himself into Burbage's rascal and managed to persuade that irascible man to give

him a job. Prompter's assistant, practically a call-boy, he was entrusted with copying actors' parts from the theatre repertory. So intelligently was the service rendered that Burbage entrusted him with the task of bringing old-plays up to date. His most memorable job was to doctor up Marlowe's "Faustus". Will must have sobered down and kept a strict eye on the main chance. It was always difficult for his friends to lure him out of his lodgings at Norton Folgate. John Aubrey tells us, "Shakespeare was not a company keeper. He wouldn't be debauched and if invited to, write he was in pain."

For two years (1602-1604) the playwright was busy working for three companies, and as these plays were performed at The Swan, the Rose, and the Newington Butts on (Continued on Page 4)

MAN WHO MADE (CHICAGO) GOOD SAYS:— Gangsters Are Behind Bars Now SOME SERVING DRINK; OTHERS SERVING TIME

By HOWARD WHITMAN

TRANSFORMATION of ex-triggersmen of Chicago's gangland into polite bar-tenders who shake a neat cocktail was described in London recently by crackly-voiced Judge Robert Crowe, former Chicago Public Prosecutor.

Said he: "Our bad-boys can't make a living out of the gangster profession any more. They're all finished, washed up. The opulent bootleg barons you used to read about are so broke they couldn't finance a decent crap game (dice throwing)."

"A few of the dyed-in-wool gangsters who haven't bumped each other off are trying to eke a living out of cheap thievery. But most of the boys have quit. You'll find them quietly serving beer and shaking cocktails very politely in the night-clubs now."

Judge Crowe, fifty-eight years old, staying at the Savoy Hotel during a holiday globe-trot, resigned his post as Chief Justice of Chicago's Criminal Court to become Public Prosecutor (1920-29) while what he described as "a reign of murder" was in progress.

He sent fifty-eight racketeers to penal servitude, cross-questioned such gangland celebrities as Al Capone ("a tough nut to crack"), Baby Face Nelson ("too smart to pin anything on"), Tim Murphy ("he's been bumped off, too—these people die at an early age") and the Five Genna Brothers ("three of them were put on the spot—the two others disappeared").

"But the gangster's day is done now—he is the vanishing American," Judge Crowe declared.

"The repeal of Prohibition (1933) took away gangland's big occupation. That's why you'll find ex-gun-toting gangsters serving as cocktail bar-men to-day. They're behind the bars all right, but serving beer—not serving time."



PRINCESS—Miss Hiroko Saga, a Japanese girl of Tokyo, who has announced her engagement to Pu Chieh, younger brother of Emperor Kang-teh of Manchukuo. The marriage would confer on her the title of princess. The groom-to-be is studying at the military academy in Tokyo.

500 PRAY FOR WOMAN WHO WAS UNFAITHFUL

Birkenhead, Apr. 1. At the close of a service at Christ Church, Claughton, Birkenhead, to-night a congregation of 500 knelt in prayer for a convicted thief and a woman who had left her husband for another man.

The service was the sequel to an invitation by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Bates) for questions on courtship and marriage problems.

Among the questions he answered was one from a woman who wrote that she had left a good husband in a fit of exasperation and stayed with another man. She asked if she could expect her husband to take her back.

"There has not been a divorce, so the way is open to reconciliation," the Vicar replied. "If her husband is good according to the standard of attitude of Christ, he will take her back. It is tragic that she talks of her home rather than her husband. She must really make up her mind that she wants to go back to him rather than the other man."

A man just completing a sentence for theft wished to know if he could expect the affection of his wife and children when he came out of prison.

To a 19-year-old girl who asked whether she should accept a proposal from a man of 32, the Vicar coun-

COMFORT FOR THE SOLDIER HOT WATER AND WIRELESS ARMY COUNCIL'S PLANS

OLD-TIME BARRACKS AND THE NEW

By A Military Correspondent

"Barracks" as a word signifying exterior ugliness and interior lack of comfort has for long been current in the language. At last the Army Council has made up its mind to remove the reproach that the soldier is accommodated in unattractive conditions.

The best feature of the new type of barracks, some of which are to be built almost at once, is the provision of a club or sitting-room connected to each pair of dormitories for about twenty-four men. For the first time in the history of the Army the soldier is to be provided with a real living room adjacent to but apart from his sleeping quarters and dining room.

Steel wardrobes for each man, central heating, constant hot water, a plug for a wireless receiver in each living room, together with a really good arrangement of kitchens and dining rooms, will provide a degree of comfort not yet experienced in any barracks.

The soldier of fifty years ago would be astonished at the degree of comfort to be obtained even in the present-day barracks, which in their turn are now regarded as out-of-date and a deterrent to recruiting.

KIPLING'S DREAM

Barrack life has always lagged somewhat behind home life, but at last an attempt is to be made to give the soldier something rather better than he can get in his own home. We are still, however, far from the ideal set forth in Kipling's "Army of a Dream," in which he visualised a separate room for each man.

Until towards the end of the eighteenth century soldiers in England were usually quartered on the populations of the towns they had to garrison. Barracks for the "Foot Guards" had been built in 1660, and the Royal Barracks in Dublin were built in 1700.

The early regulations concerning barracks construction and maintenance show that conditions were unbelievably bad, according to modern ideas. Overcrowding was general and married quarters were usually provided by the simple expedient of putting a blanket screen round one quarter of the barrack room.

WELLINGTON'S REFORMS

Wellington was the first reformer, and he insisted on single iron beds for every man instead of wooden berths, and a definite number of cubic feet of space per man. In the old days the men had to cook their own food, and when kitchens were introduced—a much-desired novelty—strict rules were made that the soldier was to use the kitchen, and not do his cooking anywhere else.

The Crimean War, which drew attention to so many abuses in the Army, was followed by a Commission to inquire into barracks. This Commission found that the annual peacetime mortality in the Army was nearly double that of the civilian male of the corresponding age. The recommendations of this Commission were drastic, and were followed, with the result that the peace-time death rate in the Army dropped to something like half that of the civilian male.

The barracks at present in use, though some of them are of considerable age, give little cause for complaint as to healthiness. It is the healthiness of the fact that healthiness of body can be increased by happiness of mind which underlies the design of the new "Sandhurst" type of barracks.

Called, "Such marriages almost always lead to misery," if nothing worse.



HOMAGE TO DEPARTED KING—Respect to the memory of their beloved war-time ruler, King Albert, was paid by members of the garrison at Marnar government officials and World War veterans at Marnar, Belgium, as above. The cross in the upper background is where the King's body was found after he met an accidental death in mountain climbing, in 1934.

Secret Men Who Won the War

MATA HARI, Sir Roger Casement, Trebitch Lincoln Who caught these famous spies?

They were trapped by the British Intelligence Division, a secret organisation which, in its 50 years history—it celebrates its golden jubilee this month—has seen more romance and drama than the rest of Whitehall put together.

And there is nothing more exciting in the Division than "Room 40 O.B."

The Queen Postponed Holy Week Party

Priest's Request

THE Queen, following a letter from an eighty-one-year-old Anglo-Catholic priest, altered the date of a Buckingham Palace party so that it should not be held in Holy Week.

Father Herbert Williams, vicar of St. Alban's, Teddington was the writer of the letter.

"In it," he said, "I pointed out that a royal party had been arranged for Wednesday of Holy Week. I reminded the Queen that I was an old friend of a former chaplain at her old home at Glamis Castle."

"I received a reply from Lady Helen Graham, lady-in-waiting. It was so typical of the Queen's kindly understanding that I posted it up in the church porch for my parishioners to read."

The letter said: "Sir, I am commanded by the Queen to acknowledge your letter and to thank you for its contents."

"Her Majesty, owing to the fact that Easter falls so early this year, did not realise that the function, which it was proposed to hold on Wednesday, March 24, actually fell in Holy Week, but now that you have drawn attention to it the Queen has had the date altered."

"I know you will understand that, with the great press of questions and decisions that have to be taken by Their Majesties in

This tiny room at the Admiralty is the centre of a marvellous organisation which probably won the war.

Some of the cleverest cryptographers in the world worked day and night during the war deciphering wireless communications of the enemy, received by a chain of listening stations.

The effort by the notorious Sir Roger Casement to start a rebellion in Ireland at the bidding of Germany was frustrated by the Secret Room of Death.

Casement planned to land a brigade of Irish prisoners of war in Ireland to start a revolt.

But the plan was nipped in the bud. Three Irishmen who had been captured by the Germans volunteered to come over to Ireland to test the feeling of the people.

They first came to England. One of them tried to secure a post with Sunday Chronicle, and was trapped by the police. Then he confessed the whole amazing plot.

Three months later Casement faced his judges in London.

Another famous figure which "Room 40 O.B." unmasked was Trebitch Lincoln, the fantastic figure who was in turn a curate, a philanthropist's secretary, an M.P., a spy, a fugitive, and who is now a monk in China.

BETRAYING THE NAVY Lincoln swore, when war broke out, that he would help to smash Britain, which he hated.

His audacious aim was to betray the whole British Navy.

Very soon "Room 40 O.B." had the full facts of his treachery, and moved round him a net from which he managed to escape—by going to New York.

The war produced no more dangerous spy than Mata Hari, the dazzling adventuress-spy, who met her doom blowing kisses to the firing party, whose rifles were levelled at her breast.

She fell because she tried to make money out of both sides. She gambled and lost. And she met her death with the same steel nerve that had served her in her career as a spy.

these busy days, it is very easy to overlook certain facts, but the Queen regrets extremely that she had inadvertently chosen so unsuitable a date for this function."

CHAPLIN AND THE ARCHBISHOPS

Viscount Bledisloe told this story at a London meeting recently. "While I was the guest of Charlie Chaplin in Hollywood, and Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks were present, I said: 'I suppose you people have more influence than even our most eminent Archbishops?' "Charlie Chaplin replied: 'Haven't I said so before, before?' " "Asked what they were doing to improve films, Chaplin replied: 'You can't give the public what it doesn't want. We are seeking to create an improved demand and better taste on the part of our customers.' " The Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided, joined in the applause.

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1 p.m. Time and Weather.
1.03 The London Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather, Time and Announcements.
1.40 A Pianoforte Recital by Ellen Joyce.

1.57 Terence Casey at the Cinema Organ.
2.15 p.m. Close Down.

5 p.m. Relay of the Hongkong Hotel—Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden.
6 p.m. From the Studio.

A Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m. De Groot and His Orchestra.

"Gipsy Love"—Selection (Lehar); In the Night (Tate); Under the Wings of Paris (Moretti); First Waltzes—Polpourri (Robrecht); "Les Cloches de Corneville" (Planquette); When the great red dawn is shining (Sharpe).

6.55 p.m. Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Norman Allin (Bass), with Pablo Casals (Violoncello).

Tenor Solo—I love thee (David and Goliath); Still as the night (Moran and Eohm); Cello Solo—Moment Musical (Schubert); Bass Solos—True ill death (Scott Gatty); The Midnight Review (Glinka and New-march); Cello Solo—Apres un Reve (Faure); Tenor Solo—Come back to Sorrento (Aveing and De Cursis); Bass Solo—A West Country Courting (O'Reilly and Sanderson); Cello Solo—Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5 (Popper); Tenor Solo—By the dark lagoon (Buddley and Leigh).

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Charlie Kunz at the Piano with The Mills Brothers.

The Mills Brothers—Sweet Lucy Brown; Piano Solo—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 2; The Mills Brothers—Long about midnight; Swing is the thing; Piano Solo—Piano Medley No. 16—Charlie Kunz; The Mills Brothers—Rhythm saved the world.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.
8.03 From the Studio.

A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from Z.B.W. on a Frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. Symphony No. 7 in C Major (Schubert), played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Adrian Boult.

1st Movement—Andante. (Part I): 1st Movement—Allegro ma non troppo. (Part II); 2nd Movement—Andante con moto; 3rd Movement—Scherzo (Allegro vivace) and Trio; 3rd Movement—Trio and Scherzo (Allegro vivace); 4th Movement—Finale—Allegro vivace.

8.55 p.m. London News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m. The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"The Beggar's Opera"—Selection (Gay—Austin); Songs of Scotland (arr. Duthoit).
9.30 p.m. Variety.

Vocal—Das ist die Liebe der Matrosen... The Melody Gents; Instrumental—The Boogie Woogie (arr. Duthoit); Vocal—Sword Dance (Lass O' Dallogill); Vocal—George Trenan (Melodion); Vocal—Stumpin' at the Savoy... Judy Garland (13 years old); Vocal—All my life... Leslie Hutchinson; Instrumental—Le Regiment qui passe... Mario Maccaferri (Guitar); Vocal—Don't you ever fall in love, Babe... Alleen Stanley (Comedienne); Organ Solo—Second Serenade (Heykens); In a Monastery Garden (Keteiboy); Reginald Foot.

10 p.m. London, Big Ben.
Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Yours truly is truly young; Comedy One-Step—Fancy meeting you; Six-Eight—Andalusia; Comedy Waltz—I'm Popeye, the Sailorman; Fox-Trot—There's a new world; Fox-Trot—O.K. for sound; Fox-Trot—When I'm with you; Fox-Trot—But definitely; Fox-Trot—Twelfth Street Rag; Fox-Trot—Awful Cuban Dance—La Comar; Rumba—Bellita; Fox-Trot—A little Robin told me so; Fox-Trot—Never gonna dance; Quickstep—Diddle-dum-dee; Fox-Trot—Goody; Fox-Trot—Temptation Rag; Fox-Trot—Somebody stole my gal; Waltz—Marie Louise.

11 p.m. Close Down.

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Spectators Fascinated By Strange Tennis Duel In Colony's Singles Championship

KONG BEWILDERED BY PAT-BALL TACTICS OF OPPONENT

THREE-SET GAME LASTS HOUR AND A HALF

(By "Veritas")

FOR an hour and a half yesterday afternoon the No. 9 court at the Hongkong Cricket Club was the scene of one of the strangest tennis matches ever seen in the Colony championships.

Paul Kong, noted Chinese exponent, was opposed to Captain Coppinger, some years ago a prominent competitor in the Senior Service's championships. For ninety minutes Captain Coppinger had Kong guessing with his peculiar method of play.

There was a time when the Chinese was threatened with defeat, but eventually he won at 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. One point in the final set demanded the exchange of 40 strokes and the rallies throughout the match averaged about ten strokes.

Kong adopted his customary tactics at the start of the match and went all out for his points, forcing the pace by following in to the net on his drives. But he quickly discovered that it needed something more than an ordinary-paced drive, volley or smash to get past Coppinger's high and perfectly placed lobs and in a short time Kong found himself losing 1-3.

PAT-BALL

Thereafter he played Coppinger at his own game, which can only be correctly described as pat-ball. Even so he could only just scramble away with the first set, and in the second his patience deserted him so that he made sufficient number of mistakes to permit Coppinger to win 6-1. During this period Coppinger won seven games in a row, yet not once did he produce anything approaching an attacking shot.

Coppinger recovered everything. That is not a rhetorical statement, but a sober fact. Even Kong's best smashes (and really good ones, it must be confessed, were few and far between) Coppinger got back, himself making ideal lobs.

His skill at retrieving was well nigh uncanny, and his consistency of returns enough to upset the most evenly-balanced equilibrium. Kong cracked up for a time, but then held on grimly in the third set. I thought he could have finished this off more quickly if he had possessed anything

like a decisive overhead. Coppinger's lobs were much shorter in the final phases, but Kong rarely dealt with them as they deserved, preferring instead to try and place the ball out of Coppinger's reach. In this he only succeeded after an exhausting struggle.

From the viewpoint of academic tennis this will go down to posterity as the worst match ever played in the Colony championships, but as a test of endurance and a battle of wits it remains unique.

SHUTES WIN AGAIN

Father Shute and son Shute made light work of Clarke and Worr in the men's doubles winning 6-2, 6-1. Clarke took the court feeling unwell, and his physical condition was truly reflected in his display. Worr too was in poor form and the Army couple never looked like saving the game.

Shute senior played brainy tennis and made good use of the court. He scored lots of points by playing half-court shots to Clarke's backhand as the K.C.C. player went up to then net. Kenneth, the son, lobbed with the ball within a foot of the baseline.

The two played together with good understanding, displayed fine judgment in their selection of strokes and cemented the impression gained earlier in the tournament that it will need a good pair to beat them.

ASTONISHING "S.A."

Sirdar Rumjahn gave an astonishing performance while playing with H. D. Rumjahn against O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans. In the first set he played with an air of complete abandonment, returning shots which were yards over the line and dashing about the court as though he were trying to save a succession of match points. In the second set he played really badly over-driving by yards and showing less and less control over his volleys.

There was a period when it seemed Marton and Evans would force the issue to the third set. Marton was particularly good, volleying strongly and making few errors. Evans supported him well and it is a long time since a Cricket Club pair has given the Rumjahn cousins such a fine game.

Fortunately for the cousins, H. D. Rumjahn remained steady and reliable, and thanks chiefly to him, and some unhappy mistakes from the other side of the net at crucial stages, the second set was won at 7-5.

But it cannot by any stretch of the imagination, be said that the Rumjahns looked potential champions for 1937.

International

Hockey Tournament

THE RULES NEED REVISING CAUSE LOT OF DISCONTENT UNHAPPY FEATURE

(By "The Pilgrim")

The International Hockey Tournament is over. But it has left behind not a few murmurings of discontent. I have spoken to a sufficient number of players to know that they are far from satisfied with the manner in which the competition was conducted.

In the first place the qualification rule needs revising. At the moment its vague and stupid phraseology leaves one totally puzzled. In its strict interpretation a player can quite legitimately appear for one of two different teams, which is manifestly absurd. The rule needs re-framing and put into terms which leave no room for doubt or misinterpretation.

Then I have heard numerous complaints with regard to the methods of appointing representatives to handle the selection of teams. At the present the H.K.H.A. Council appoints these representatives, and it doesn't seem to work very well. I think the position would be improved if this committee was composed of three: one representative for the Army, one for the Navy and one for the Civilians.

There was discontent this year regarding the selection of the Irish and Welsh teams. It seems that in both cases the sides could have been strengthened if players from the Navy had been included. Navy players, apparently, were never given a trial as in both cases the selectors were Army officers. I also know there was dissatisfaction in the Indian and Portuguese "camps" due to the methods of selecting the teams.

Another point which demands attention is the appointment of neutral umpires for these matches. Irish and Wales played with their own umpires which was certainly not the ideal arrangement.

It is foolish to jeopardise the popularity of a tournament when all is needed is a little intelligent attention to the rules. The H.K.H.A. should certainly make some effort between now and next season to make the necessary revisions and to clarify certain positions which this season have created no little confusion.

Lt. da Costa In Hongkong To-day

(By "The Pilgrim")

Lieut. da Costa arrives in Hongkong to-day and after a few days here will leave by the Sirdhana for Singapore, and thence to Portugal to where he is returning for good.

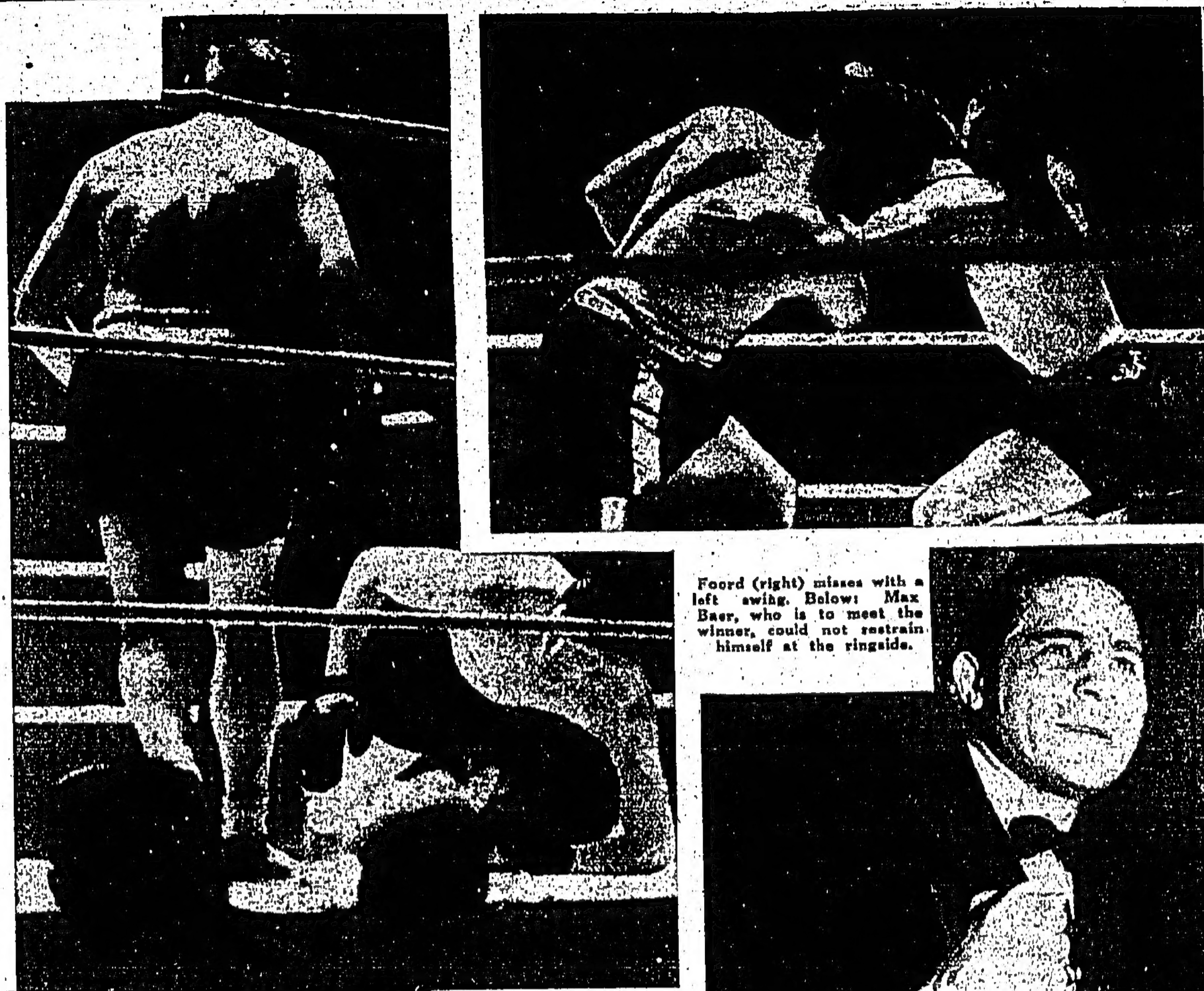
All hockey players in the Colony should make an effort to meet Mr. da Costa during this, his last visit to Hongkong. At least ten teams have visited Moema during the season—mostly Army and Navy sides—and the H.K.H.A. is looking forward to these players attending the cocktail party which is being given in honour of Lieut. da Costa at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow evening.

This afternoon a match will be played between Mr. Arthur Dand's XI and a Portuguese team which will be captained by Lieut. da Costa.

UNITED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

At a meeting held by the Committee last Tuesday, the K.I.T.C. for the United Tournament was rejected as they were "late" arrivals and the Tournament officials did not think it possible for their fixture to be completed in one month.

The United Tournament ends on the last day of April. A dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, May 8, to wind up the Tournament.



Ben Foord, the holder, sent to the canvas by Tommy Farr, of Wales who defeated him in the fight for the British and Empire heavy-weight titles at Harringay recently.

Mamak Hockey

RADIO IN FINAL

BEAT K.I.T.C.

MEET C.B.A. IN PLAY-OFF

(By "The Pilgrim")

On the Marina ground last evening in their last Mamak fixture of the season, Radio the present Champions defeated their greatest rivals the K.I.T.C. by two clear goals scored by M. H. Hassan and Awtar Singh.

Play opened at a fast pace with the Radio enjoying the best of the exchanges. The K.I.T.C. made two dangerous raids but Kalwant Singh and Mohinder Singh kept a watchful eye on Pyara Singh the well known Interport forward and J. Pinto, allowing them very little rope.

Ten minutes from the end of the half M. H. Hassan found the net with a neat flick shot which left Man Singh the K.I.T.C. goalie stinging. From the restart the Kowloon Indians attacked with vigour but the brilliant Radio half-back line with Kitchell, Hassan and J. Singh resisted stoutly. From a pass off Awtar Singh, Guest broke through the K.I.T.C. defence and with only the goal-keeper to beat shot across the goalmouth.

Play was soon transferred to the other end but after forcing four short corners the K.I.T.C. failed to make the best of the chances offered. Though panned in their own half for fully 15 minutes the Radio defence frustrated all attempts made by the opposite attack. M. H. Hassan, in particular being outstanding as pivot. Seizing a chance and with only seven minutes to go Awtar Singh beat Tara Singh and Bachan Singh to put Radio further ahead with a second goal. After this the Radio attacked, keeping the Kowloon Indians well on the defensive until the final whistle.

Wall, Awtar Singh, Guest and Tilok Singh combined effectively in the Radio attack, but Guest at inside-right was poor with his shooting and missed two certain goals. The defence was impregnable.

For the K.I.T.C., Pereira at left-half gave an excellent exhibition, with Kishan Singh the best of the backs. Pyara Singh and Pinto were hard working forwards.

The Radio, winners of the B. Division, now meet the C.B.A. winners of the A. Division in the best of three games for the Championship of the Mamak Tournament.

Farr Wins Two Titles After 15 Dull Rounds

Mamak Hockey Tournament League Tables

"A" DIVISION										
Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	P	R.E.	7	4
C.B.A.	10	10	0	0	46	3	20	A. RUIR	10	3
B. RWF	8	5	2	2	13	9	11	HQ RUIR	6	2
Nomads	9	3	2	4	8	12	10	Adventure	8	2
24 Bly	7	4	2	1	15	8	9	B. RUIR	8	2
								Duncan	5	1

"B" DIVISION										
Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	P	D	RWF	
Radio	11	10	1	0	36	7	20	C R R U R	7	4
Argonauta								C R R U R	2	2
KITC "A"	10	8	1	1	17	0	17	KITC "B"	4	1
R Signals	11	8	3	0	36	9	18	R A O C	8	1
Berwick	10	5	4	1	15	14	11	Submarines	8	1
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LEADING GOAL SCORES			
P. Singh KITC "A"	20	A. Singh Radio	17
S. Fowler C.B.A.	17	W. Lowe Signals	12

MANCHESTER THREAT TO THE ARSENAL For 1st. Div. Title

London, Apr. 7. Manchester City advanced another step towards the championship of the English Football League to-day when before their own supporters they beat Brentford by the odd goal in three. The City are now chief threat to Arsenal who head the table, but have still a game to play and win before they can overtake the London team.

FIRST DIVISION		THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)		THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)	
Manchester C.	3	Brentford	1	Luton	5
				Gillingham	2
				Grimsby	0
				Lincoln	0

Brilliant New Amateur Billiards Champion

RECORD BREAKS

At Burroughes Hall to-day, the English Amateur Billiards Championship was won by Kingsley Kennerley a 23 year-old engineer from Birmingham, who beat the holder, Joe Thompson of Worthington, in the final by 4,703 points to 3,633.

Kennerley's aggregate is a record for the event. In the penultimate session Kennerley made a new world amateur record break of 549, the previous best being 461.

Earlier in the final, Kennerley beat the British amateur record with a break of 305.—*Reuter*.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE		HAMILTON	
Queen's Park	3	Albion	5
Glasgow	0	Aberdeen	0

FOORD'S POWERLESS PUNCHES

(By Fred Dartnell)

London, Mar. 18. The evil hour of British champions persists. Last night at Harringay Ben Foord lost the verdict of the fight with Tommy Farr, the Welsh challenger, and became the sixth title-holder to be beaten in a fortnight.

The British and British Empire championships were at stake and Farr, who won on points, recaptured the honours which his more famous countryman, Jack Peterson, had lost to Foord last autumn.

Peterson was amongst the ring-siders, who also included Max Baer, the man who is to meet Farr at Harringay in a month's time.

What Peterson thought of the fight I cannot say, but during some rather dull and unexciting phases I caught Baer stifling a yawn with the aid of his programme.

As a championship fight it was very much below standard, and, to be candid, I didn't agree with the verdict. On his left hand alone I considered that Foord was the better boxer.

Farr's left hand was employed effectively also, but mostly in embracing his opponent's waist, and I think that in this respect he was allowed far too much latitude by the referee.

CAN DO BETTER

Farr, the new champion, is a strong, cool and collected fighter. I think he is a better boxer than he appeared to be last night.

He had a plan of campaign against Foord and he followed it faithfully. Towards the end he was much stronger, and although Foord was supposed to be the harder puncher, it was the deposed champion who showed most marks of the conflict. Foord received a smashing right-hander on the nose in the fourth round, and a continual flow of blood appeared to worry him. He boxed quite well at times with his left—that is to say, as far as he was permitted, for Farr was most expert in smothering. It was very rarely that Farr at

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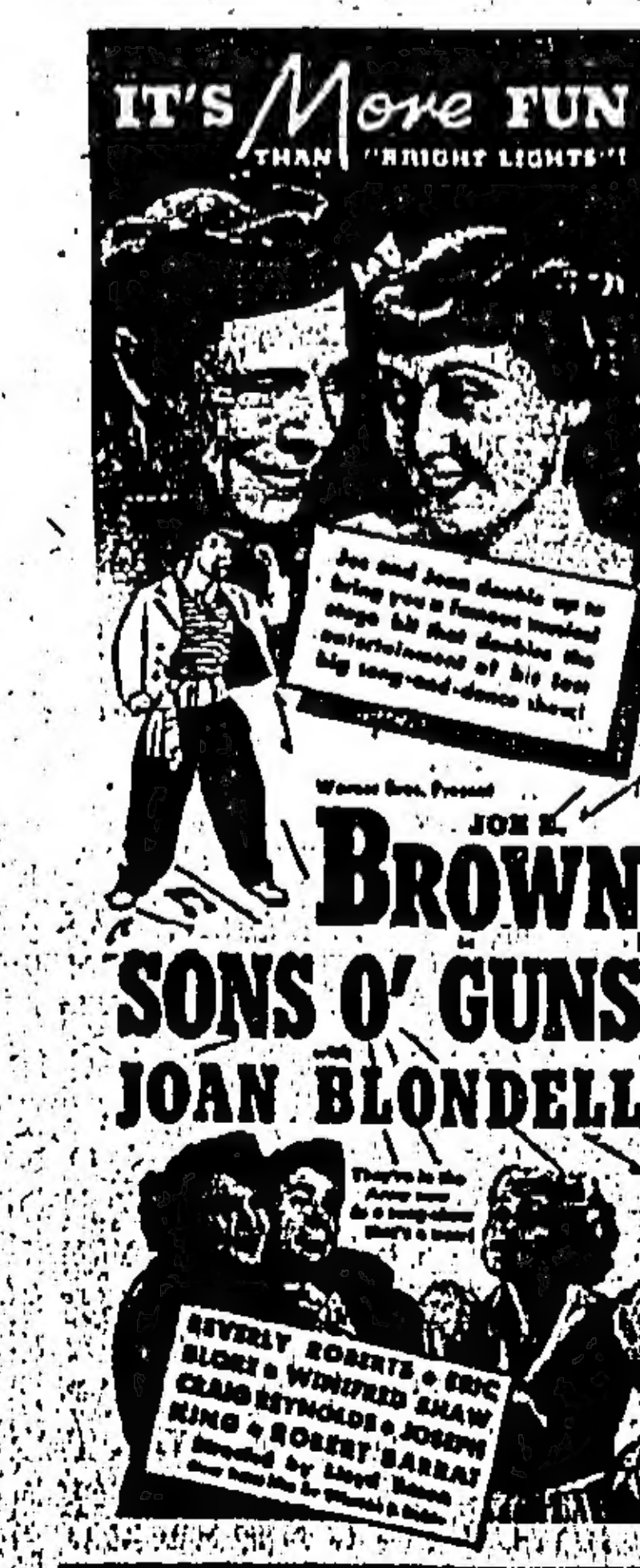
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SEVERAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Navy's Neat Victory

Several league football matches were played yesterday. Navy took first division points from South China "B" in a game marked by excellent football.

In the second division South China drew with R.A. (Stoncutters), each side scoring once. R.A.O.C. piled on 13 goals against the Chinese Police in the third division and conceded three—this being the highest scoring match of the season.

Fusslers went a step further towards winning the third division by beating St. Joseph's two-nil.

The results follow:
DIVISION I
Results
Royal Navy 4 S. China "B" 2
Kowloon F.C. 3 Recreio 3
DIVISION II
South China 1 R.A. Stoncutters 1
R.A.O.C. 3
DIVISION III
R.A.C. 3 Kumaon Rifles 1
Police Hldrs 1 R. Engineers 0
St. Joseph's 0 R.W. Fusslers 2

League Table	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
R.W. Fusslers	24	20	2	2	108	20
R.A.O.C.	22	17	1	4	71	19
L. Portuguese	22	10	2	4	75	36
South China	23	15	3	5	82	29
R.A.M.C.	20	13	1	6	50	33
Kwong Wah	22	11	5	5	63	44
R.A.F.	22	12	2	8	50	40
Recreio	21	9	1	11	47	19
R. Engineers	22	7	1	14	45	15
St. Joseph's	22	0	2	14	33	14
R.A.S.C.	22	5	3	14	27	13
Kumaon Rifles	23	4	1	18	34	11
Police (E)	21	3	1	17	25	7
Police (C)	20	2	1	17	22	8

NAVY AT THEIR BEST AGAINST S. CHINA "B"

Clever Forwards

If Navy could have shown consistently throughout the season the form which they have exhibited during the past three weeks they would be well on the way to the first division football league championship. They played China "B" in a league tie yesterday, the final result being 4-2 in their favour.

They slacked off during one period and allowed the Chinese to wipe off a two-nil deficit, but from that point until the end they were again complete masters and had the Chinese bogged with their skilful and intricate movements.

There was not a weakness in the Navy team, the forwards being in particularly scintillating mood. Regler, Wolserson, Love, Chearmann, Anderson, Black and Tippett were in great form, while the Chinese were best served by Wong Wah-ying who kept goal cleverly. Lau Ting-ming, a smart wing half back, and Cheuk Shek-kam Lee Shek-yau in the attack.

Navy were quickly two goals to the good through Tippett and Anderson, but this advantage was nullified when Chan Tak-fai and Cheuk Shek-kam netted to tie the scores.

But Navy were soon in the lead again through Johnson and Tippett put the issue beyond doubt sometime later.

HONGKONG CRICKET

In the league championship match on Saturday on the Club ground, at 2 p.m., the following will play for the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the I.R.C.: A. W. Hayward (capt.), H. W. Baines, E. R. Duckitt, P. C. Frost, R. D. Gillespie, R. L. Holden, R. E. H. Nelson, H. B. Neve, H. Owen Hughes, G. A. Stewart, R. L. D. Woodhouse, Reserve, N. P. Fox, Umpire, P. E. Basket, Scorer, H. G. Wallington.

PROMINENT PLAYERS ON VIEW TO-DAY

IN THE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "Veritas")

Exceptional interest is invested in the afternoon tennis championship programme, as it brings to the courts some of the more prominent competitors.

Three more places in the last eight will be filled as a result of to-day's games. Y. W. Lee and Paul Kong have already reached that stage.

The most interesting tie promised to be between Lee Wai-long and Leung Ping-chiu, both C.R.C. players who have a fairly extensive knowledge of each other's play.

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SHUTE'S TEST

Not a few are prepared to see young Kenneth Shute beat Frank Kwok this afternoon, though I doubt it myself. Kwok is more likely to beat the schoolboy than many another player because he is so steady. Kenneth is happier against a more impetuous player. Opposed to Kwok's rocklike defence and some unusual attacking strokes, Shute stands less chance of winning.

But here again useful experience should be obtained and if he loses the schoolboy will have no cause for remorse. He may find his heavily-topped shots upset Kwok, and if he can dictate the terms in any way the youngster has a chance of surviving the test.

If nothing else the encounter will provide a nice contrast in styles.

The programme is:

OPEN SINGLES

Lee Wai-long v. Leung Ping-chiu; S. A. Rumbaba v. A. Crawford; F. H. Kwok v. K. Shute.

OPEN DOUBLES

P. C. Lee and C. C. Ma v. P. F. Tsol and Ng Kam-chuen.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

F. V. Harrison v. G. E. R. Divett.

SINGLES HANDICAP

M. Pagh v. F. A. Joseph.

V. R. Gordon v. E. R. Childie.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce v. G. W. Sewell and E. Balthurst.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. Wooding and Miss Ward v. J. C. Pool and Miss Allen.

RYDER CUP TEAM

Six of United States Players Chosen

New York, April 7. The Professional Golf Association has named the veterans Shute, Gene Sarazen, MacD. Smith, Flenard and John Revolta, and a newcomer, named Manero as the nucleus of the team of ten to represent the United States in the biennial Ryder Cup matches on June 30 at Southport.

The four remaining Ryder cup players will be selected on the basis of their performances at the forthcoming National Professional Golfers Association open tournament.

United Press.

RIFLE SHOOTING SERVICES MEETING RESULTS

FINAL STAGES REACHED

The first three matches in the Services S. R. Championship Aggregate, namely Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate, occupied the whole of yesterday at the Kowloon City rifle ranges. The Services meeting, the first half of the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, is drawing to a close. Company and Platoon matches are finished and there only remain the Championship Aggregate and the Individual Revolver Competition. The team match having been won by the Royal Ulster Rifles.

The Services Championship Aggregate is composed of four matches, the first three of which might be termed qualifying matches. These three are Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate at 500 yards. From these events the eighteen competitors who have the highest aggregate are chosen to fire in the fourth and final match, the Deliberate at 600 yards, to decide the winner of the Championship.

As is to be expected in a military competition, the number of aspiring riflemen is large and consequently the events take a long time, especially in the Deliberate. In the Rapid Firing the target is exposed for 25 seconds, in which time competitors, standing at ease, have to fall flat, load their rifles and send five shots at the target. Snapshooting comprises firing at discs which are exposed for three seconds for each of five shots with intervals of three seconds between.

To-day is the last day of the Services Meeting and will see the finals of the Championship Aggregate, the Individual Revolver Competition and the semi-finals of the Fall of the Flag. In this event the semi-finalists are "B" and "E" Companies of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Headquarters Royal Ulster Rifles and "A" Company of the Kumaon Rifles.

Among competitors who have qualified to shoot to-morrow in the final match of the Services Meeting is the Deliberate Aggregate at 600 yards. The winners of the Deliberate at 500 yards are the Royal Welch Fusiliers with an aggregate of 402 out of a possible 600. The winner was closely followed by the Ulster Rifles who had 397.

The Inter-Unit Cup has been won by the Royal Welch Fusiliers with an aggregate of 402 out of a possible 600. The winner was closely followed by the Ulster Rifles who had 397.

The results were:

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OLD COLONIAL Looks at LONDON



"THERE'S an empty saddle in the old corral. A mendicant gramophone was complaining miserably to a cinema queue about it."

And there was an empty look in the eye of the Old Colonial, as he looked on. Maybe he was thinking of an empty saddle in an old corral.

"Homesick?" I ventured sympathetically. The empty look immediately filled with suspicion. Behind him in New Zealand House was a warning about "confidence tricksters," and he obviously expected me to produce a "gold brick." But a gush of sentiment in him made him soften. He was looking for someone in whom to confide his sorrows.

"What have they done?" he asked, mournfully, indicating the cinema. "Where's the old 'Tivoli'?"

I told him they had pulled it down 14 or 15 years ago.

"Then I hope the ghost of Marie Lloyd haunts the so-and-soes for the rest of their so-and-so lives," he exclaimed in a voice which would have chilled a Canterbury lamb.

"Many's a time I've stood in the 'gods' and chorused 'The Roolins wot Cromwell knocked about a bit.' Many's a time I've..."

HE was off on the long, long trail that winds back into the sentimental days of Yesterday, and I was at his heels.

It turned out that he was a New Zealander, a sheep-farmer. But he had been born in London fifty odd years ago, in Bethnal Green, and he had kept his Cockney accent as well as his affection for London. He had gone to New Zealand with an assisted passage nearly 30 years ago, and, except as an Anzac, during the War, he had not been back since.

To me made a compact (a) that I should not try to sell him any gold bricks, but would show him London as it is to-day, (b) that he

"Where are the slums that were here when I was a boy?" he asked a Tory friend. "Those Socialists have destroyed them," was the reply. "They respect nothing!"

CONDUCTED TOUR

by
Ritchie CALDER

would show me London as it was yesterday.

With him I went back to school, at a time when children were sent home if they did not have the money to pay for their schooling. Into a London where horses still drew the trams and the buses. Into badly lit streets, with footpads, pickpockets and professional "pugs" ready to start a fight for what it was worth.

Into Arbour Square Police Court to see his father fined as one of the endless stream of drunks from an East End which drugged its misery and its hopelessness with bad liquor.

Into a workhouse on one occasion when his father was thrown out of work and the family left destitute to be rent apart by Bumbledom.

Into the slum kitchen on Saturday night when a family of twelve was bathed in decreasingly and increasingly dirty water in a galvanised tub, from a kettle on the range.

AND with him, I saw again that family put hurriedly to bed ("before the Old Man would get home spotting for a fight") on

cony. "Struth, Bill, I'd 'ave knowed you anywhere. Remember the time I jammed your head in the railings when you tried to kiss me?"

And, in the bolsterous reunion and the flood-tide of stiller reminiscences, his outraged sentiment found a respite.

But for all her "jollyin'," even Liza could not reconcile him to the three-room and kitchen flat.

"Look at the barroom, Bill," she pleaded. "Remember the alley on Saturday night?"

"Oh, I don't know," he said grudgingly. "There was something about them old days. All the kids splashing in the kitchen and the galvanised tub stopping over and mum getting madder and madder. Not that you haven't a nice place here, Liza," he added hastily.

"The kids like it," she said, nodding over the balcony at the children romping in the safety of the garden square. "Better'n what we had, Bill, the alley, the yard and up among the chimneys on the flat-roof of the Trust Building."

But Old Colonial was still resentful when we were leaving.

"This isn't like the old place at all," he said to Liza.

"You're telling me!" said Liza who goes to the pictures.

"Who built them?"

"Oh, them Labour blokes," said Liza.

So it was when we went to see the Lido in Victoria Park. ("Oh, them Labour blokes" were responsible again.)

"Turning the East Enders into a lot o' minnies," he said disgustedly. "Suppose they've left the Tower of London alone?"

And I was glad to reassure him.

"What about the Crystal Palace?" he asked.

I broke the news gently that it was now in ruins.

"What?" he exclaimed, his eyes popping with reluctant yet indignant admiration. "Did them Labour blokes do that too?"

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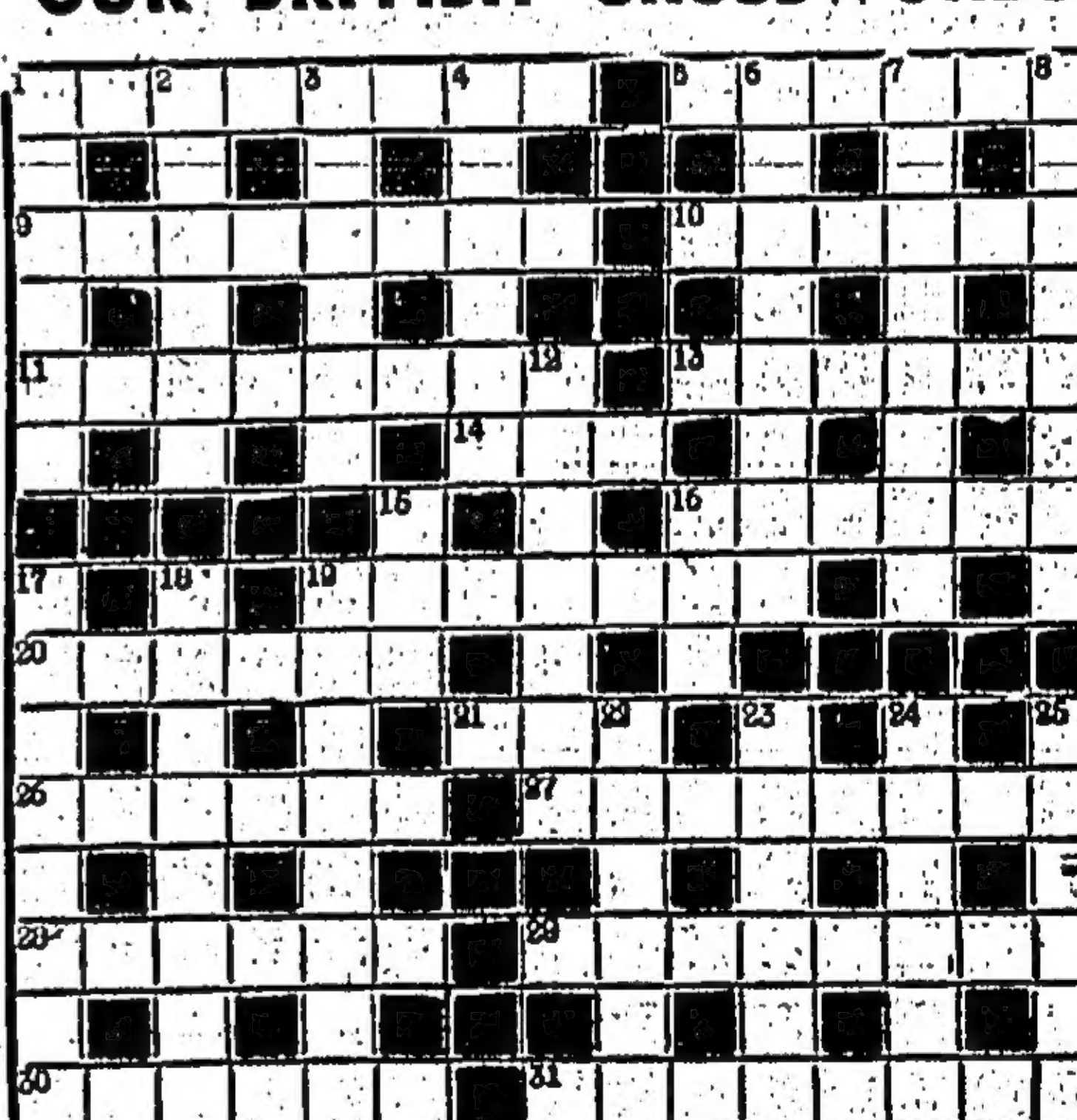
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- An African tree.
- Part of a bomb, perhaps.
- Eight letters for only one is strange.
- Musculine name, one of twelve.
- Material often useful when a vessel is in difficulties.
- Hark! This gives wrong information about a Roman numeral.
- Not a "super" musical box, but a container for millinery.
- No brave caveman; he comes from a cavern only.
- The high part of 17 down.
- A Paris sight.
- This girl is not altogether polite.
- The process that makes for harmony.
- A military headress.
- Negligent about a failure.
- If the name of this town were put up carelessly near a river it might lead to accidents.

DOWN

- An idol perhaps in unenlightened countries and in France in a dish.
- Gipsy.
- Outflow.
- "Teaser" (anag.).
- Though in addition it is often taken from the body.
- Popular French watering-place with one good hotel in it obviously.

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"Oy, what have they done to my Waterloo Bridge?" he blustered. "I slept in an alcove on it once for nights on end, when I lost a job because we thought we could ask the 'guy' for a rise and get away with it. Who did it?"

"Oh, the Labour, L.C.C.," I explained, getting between him and County Hall in case his blasphemy blew it up.

"Then we went on to the Embankment to see the ruins of Adelphi and Shell-Mex House rearing its tower in place of The Adelphi, but he did not get as far as there."

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But for all her "jollyin'," even Liza could not reconcile him to the three-room and kitchen flat.

"Look at the barroom, Bill," she pleaded. "Remember the alley on Saturday night?"

"Oh, I don't know," he said grudgingly. "There was something about them old days. All the kids splashing in the kitchen and the galvanised tub stopping over and mum getting madder and madder. Not that you haven't a nice place here, Liza," he added hastily.

"The kids like it," she said, nodding over the balcony at the children romping in the safety of the garden square. "Better'n what we had, Bill, the alley, the yard and up among the chimneys on the flat-roof of the Trust Building."

But Old Colonial was still resentful when we were leaving.

"This isn't like the old place at all," he said to Liza.

"You're telling me!" said Liza who goes to the pictures.

"Who built them?"

"Oh, them Labour blokes," said Liza.

So it was when we went to see the Lido in Victoria Park. ("Oh, them Labour blokes" were responsible again.)

"Turning the East Enders into a lot o' minnies," he said disgustedly. "Suppose they've left the Tower of London alone?"

And I was glad to reassure him.

"What about the Crystal Palace?" he asked.

I broke the news gently that it was now in ruins.

AUSTRALIANS AND N. ZEALANDERS IN CONVIVIAL MOOD



An encore for the Dance Orchestra of the Seaforth Highlanders during the Australian and New Zealand Association's Annual Fancy Dress Ball last Friday.—King's Studio.



The Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel was packed to capacity for supper during the intermission in the Australian and New Zealand Association's Annual Ball.—King's Studio.



Mr. and Mrs. F. Blakey were also in costumes remarked upon for their excellence.—Ming Yuen.



Miss Sheila Haynes, whose "topical" adoption of the Hongkong "Telegraph" won her the prize for the most original costume.—Ming Yuen.



The "Melbourne Cup," which was run in six heats, was one of the popular novelties introduced at the dance. An excited crowd watched Phar Lap vie with Carbine in the race to the finishing tape.—Ming Yuen.



A happy group which included Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary.—King's Studio.



Another happy group in the corner of the cocktail bar. Mr. G. Dudley, winner of the prize for the Best Dressed Gentleman, is in the left back ground.—Ming Yuen.



Mrs. H. Brokenshire made a charming study in her late Eighteenth Century costume.—Ming Yuen.



A corner in the Grand Parade, with Mr. J. R. Luke winner of the most original Costume (Ricksha Coolie), in the foreground.—Ming Yuen.



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Woman In Gaol Appeals To Briton, 'Come And See Clark Gable'

Birmingham, Mar. 1.
MR. H. NEWTON, Birmingham factory inspector, has received from Mrs. Violet Wells Norton, in a Los Angeles gaol charged with attempting to extort money from Clark Gable, a letter pleading with him to travel to the United States, face the film star, and say whether he is the man whom he knew at Billericay, Essex, as Frank Billings.

"SWEEP" TICKET Drew Prize Of £821 In Lottery FAMILY DISPUTE OVER OWNERSHIP

Lord Stevenson in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, recently gave judgment in an action at the instance of William Clayton, son, Edward Clayton, son, miners, residing at Kirkwood, Old Monkland, Lanarkshire, against Harry Clayton, mining contractor, Monkland View Crescent, Burghhead, Lanarkshire, for payment of £61 12s. 6d. to each of the pursuers.

The pursuers in the action are the father and two brothers of the defender. They called upon the defender to pay to them the balance of sums which they alleged to be their share of a prize obtained by a ticket in the Irish Free State Hospitals Sweepstake for the Derby of 1936.

They averred that the defender purchased a ticket on behalf of himself and these three pursuers; that the ticket drew a prize amounting to £821 10s., and that they were each entitled to one-quarter of that sum.

The defender, on the other hand, maintained that the pursuer William Clayton, jun., had no share in the lottery ticket, which was held by himself to the extent of one-half, and the first and second named pursuers to the extent of one-quarter each, and that he had paid to them their proper proportion of the proceeds of the ticket. He further maintained that the action was incompetent in respect that the pursuers' claim was based upon a pactum illicitum, and that the action should be dismissed.

Lord Stevenson sustained the defender's plea, and dismissed the action. His Lordship said the defender's plea was based on the fact that lotteries were by the law of Scotland illegal, and that the Courts would neither enforce contracts relating to lotteries nor award damages for breach thereof. The most recent statute, the Betting and Lotteries Act 1934, section 21, was in general terms. It stated, "Subject to the provisions of this part of this Act all lotteries are unlawful." It followed from this provision that the Court would neither enforce implement of a contract relating to a lottery, nor award damages for breach of such contract.

The question in this case was, on whose behalf was the ticket in question purchased, or who were the owners of the ticket that drew the prize. The pursuers asked the Court to declare that they were entitled to the prize money, because they were owners of the ticket to that extent. If, however, a lottery was illegal according to law, the Court would not determine that question. To do so would be to lend aid to the pursuers in order that they might recover a prize in a lottery.

MADE NO DIFFERENCE
His Lordship thought it made no difference that that lottery was conducted outside of the United Kingdom. If, by the law of Scotland, a lottery was illegal, the Court in Scotland would not enforce any contract with reference to that lottery in whatever country the lottery was carried out.

Counsel for the defender further drew his Lordship's attention to Section 22 (1) of the Lotteries Act and argued that if the sale of a ticket was illegal the purchaser must necessarily be a party to an illegal transaction. They could not have a seller without a purchaser. His Lordship thought the defender's counsel in this argument was correct. In his Lordship's opinion, however, the defender did not require to pray in aid of section 22. That section was, he thought, enacted solely for the purpose of rendering persons who sold tickets liable to a fine, and that because they were guilty of a transaction which was illegal under the previous section of the Act.

Whether or not that section had been enacted, he thought that lotteries having been declared unlawful by the previous section, the law would not have enforced any contract with reference to the various acts detailed in sub-section (1) of section 22, as all these acts were acts in furtherance of the lottery itself.

LEGISLATURE AND BETTING
The pursuers likened a ticket in a lottery to a bet, and referred him to several cases both in England and in

Her trial, says Mrs. Norton, arises from a claim that Clark Gable is the father of her thirteen-year-old daughter Gwendolyn.

She protests her innocence, says she never demanded money from Clark Gable for herself, only for her daughter.

Mr. Newton is beseeched, "Do all you can to help me."

Mr. Newton said that he had previously received a request for full information regarding Frank Billings from Mr. Philip W. Erben, the American lawyer who is defending Mrs. Norton.

"The letter came by air mail and I answered it in a similar manner," he said. "I gave Mr. Erben the fullest information regarding Frank Billings. It is impossible for me to travel to America, although I am certain that if I met Gable face to face I would immediately know whether or not he was the Frank Billings of my acquaintance."

"There is, to say the least, a most remarkable resemblance between the two."

Mrs. Norton claims that Clark Gable is identical with a Frank Billings who was her friend and neighbour at Billericay in 1922-3.

Gable denies he has ever seen Mrs. Norton or ever been in England.

Messrs. L. R. Nielson and Co. have issued invitations for an inspection of their premises, Gloucester Building, first floor, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Scotland, the effect of which was undoubtedly to show that while the Court would not determine who had won the bet, they would determine who was entitled to the proceeds thereof. His Lordship thought that the defence arose from a misapprehension between the law of betting and the law of lotteries.

Betting was not, and never had been, illegal, in accordance with the law of Scotland. It was true that the Legislature had largely controlled the place where bets might be made, and how they might be entered into, or perhaps it was more correct to say where they should not be made, and how they should not be entered into; but there was no Act which struck at betting generally.

According to the common law of Scotland, betting had always been considered a sponso ludici which had been described as "a matter not serious enough to occupy the attention of the Court," and the Court would not determine who had won a bet in the sense of which horse or dog had won a race. If, however, there was no question as to which horse or dog had won, the Court would determine which of the two claimants was entitled to the prize.

The position was, however, different where the contract under consideration arose in furtherance of an act which had been declared illegal. In that case the Court would refuse either to enforce implement of the contract or to take shares in a lottery, or to enforce any contract in furtherance of such object. If the Court would not give decree in favour of the ticket holder because the contract was illegal, his Lordship could not see on what principle the Court would determine what was a very similar question—in what proportions were the various owners of the ticket entitled to the proceeds.

EAGLE TAMER



Bill Jenkins, famous artist, has exploded the old theory that birds of prey cannot be tamed. He has trained eagles, hawks and other birds of prey and is seen above with one of his domesticated Imperial Eagles.

SHOT MOTORIST KEPT SECRET FROM WIFE

EXPECTED DEATH WITHIN TWO YEARS

BELIEF that he had less than two years to live was the tragic secret of Bernard Arthur Algar Hamill, 49, of The Bungalow, Walsley, Cheshire, a Liverpool business man, which was disclosed at the inquest on him at Southbourne, Sussex.

Hamill's body, shot through the head, was cast up by the sea on the beach at Princed, near the spot where, 24 hours before, his abandoned car was found.

Recovery of the body ended a dramatic search by police and villagers. For 24 hours, in driving rain, creeks and woods round the village had been combed for signs of the missing man.

"My brother was suffering from an internal complaint, which was worrying him very much," John Patrick Hamill, with whom the dead man resided, told the coroner. "He told me he did not expect to live more than two years."

"He retired from the Australian Navy last July, and came to England to start business as a motor-engineer. His wife and two children, who are in Australia, were to join him this summer."

"His ambition was to build the business to provide for them. They did not know of his illness."

Frank Ivor Catliff, Hamill's brother-in-law, of London, told the coroner how on the day the car was found abandoned Hamill told his maid over the telephone, "Mr. Catliff will find my car outside the cottage at Princed." He rang off without saying where he was.

"Hamill was suffering from acute insomnia," Mr. Catliff continued. "He ate very little, and he was lying chiefly on strong tea. He had no sleep for three months. Last June he underwent an operation."

Sergt. Burridge declared that he found Hamill's car near Princed Marsh. The following morning his body was found. A bullet had apparently gone right through the temple.

A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Caldecott are to attend the charity ball being held at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow at 9.30 p.m. Guests are requested to bring their tickets with them.

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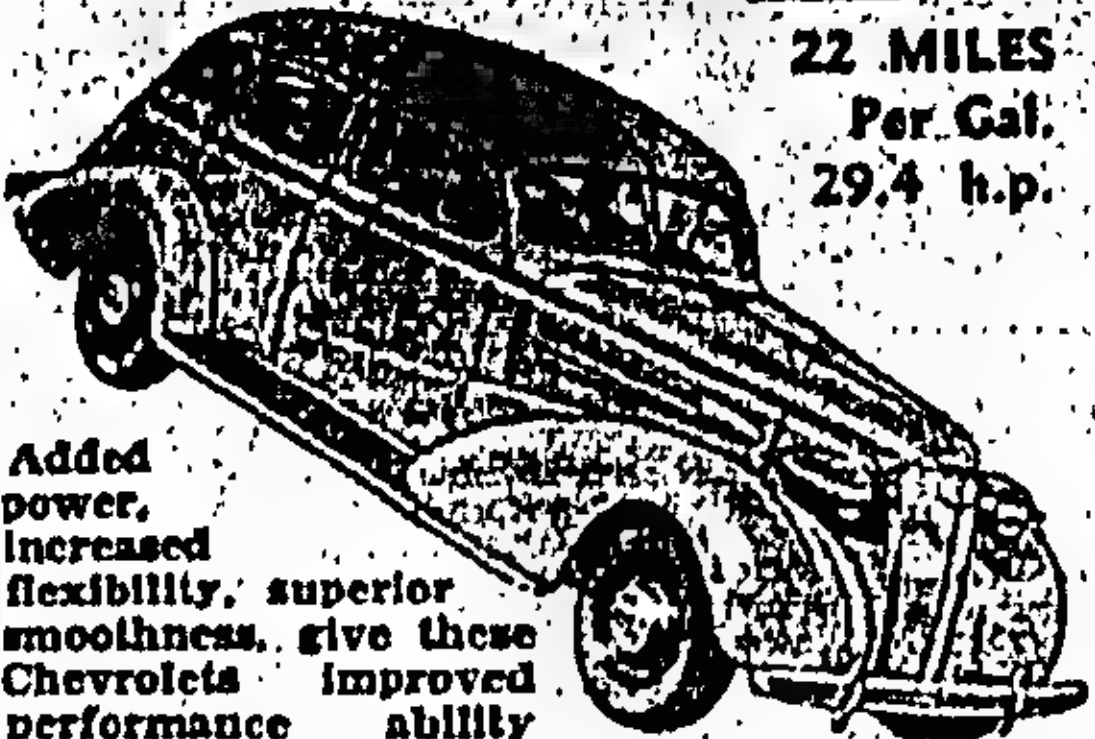
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Europe's Tension Seems Near to Breaking-Point

By HARRY DAY
(Special United Press Correspondent)

London, Apr. 8.

International tension seemed dangerously near the breaking-point to-day.

Developments imperilling the peace of Europe included:

The despatch of a protest by Great Britain over the bombing of H.M.S. Gallant; and the strong, although cautiously expressed, British suspicions that the Gallant was bombed by Italian planes;

The Spanish Loyalists' charges that the German warship Koenigsberg co-operated with the rebels "coincidental with the naval bombardment of Santona Tuesday;" and that the German cruiser Leipzig followed a Loyalist flotilla and informed the insurgents ashore of its movements;

The Giornale d'Italia's renewed charges that France and Russia are daily shipping volunteers into Spain, while French officers are directing the Loyalists' reorganized armies; and the charge of Le Sol of Paris that 300 Germans were captured at Villa Haria.

Then there is Rome's semi-official charge that the Spanish steamer Marneiro passed Istanbul carrying 25 tanks, 20 aeroplanes, 30 trucks and other war materials, from Odessa.

Meanwhile, a rebel trawler has fired across the bows of a British freighter, the Thorpehall. Later a Spanish cruiser, the Almirante Cervera, also under General Franco's flag, warned the Thorpehall not to proceed to Bilbao.

The British destroyers Beagle and Blanche, however, arrived on the scene in answer to the Thorpehall's distress signals, and the freighter proceeded to its destination, Bilbao.—United Press.

Death For Chinese Smugglers

Police And Customs Men On Watch

Japanese Making New Overtures

Peking, April 8.

Local authorities have received a Central Government order decreeing the death penalty for any Chinese caught smuggling or assisting any foreigner to smuggle goods into the country.

Police and other law enforcement units, and the Customs officers along the Great Wall, have been instructed to comply with the Nanking instructions.—United Press.

READJUSTING RELATIONS

Shanghai, April 8.

The Chinese press to-day states that a formal call paid by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, on Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Foreign Minister, at Nanking, yesterday afternoon, is expected to mark the beginning of an attempt to reopen negotiations for the readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations.

The two statements will probably meet again shortly when, according to the Li Pao, Dr. Wang may formulate China's demands for the abolition of the East Hebei and Northern Chahar "autonomous" regime.

Meanwhile, it is announced, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador, is returning to Tokyo some time after May 20.—Reuter.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR KIDNAPPERS

New York, Apr. 7.

Harry Weiss and Martin Schlusman were sentenced to from 20 years' to life imprisonment in Sing Sing for the Wendel Kidnapping to-day.—United Press.

MALAGA BOMBARDMENT VICTIMS



Wounded men and women, injured in the bombardment of Malaga, Spain, just before its capture by insurgent troops. Here an automobile truck has been pressed into service as an ambulance and the wounded are being taken to the Miramar Hotel, where a first-aid station was established. Retreating Loyalists burned part of the famous city.

Officers Of Morro Castle Exonerated

New York, Apr. 7.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has unanimously reversed the trial court decision which found acting-Captain William Warren and Chief Engineer Eben S. Abbott of the Morro Castle guilty of negligence on the high seas. It will be recalled that fire broke out in the ship in September, 1934, resulting in a terrible loss of life.

The Appellate Court set aside both verdicts and sentences, two years' imprisonment for Captain Warren and four years' imprisonment for Chief Engineer Abbott.—Reuter.

FRONTIER VALLEY BOMBED

R.A.F. Planes Seek Tribe's Refugees

Hindus and Sikhs Kidnapped

Bannu, Apr. 7.

The bombing of the Shakti Valley area of Waziristan where hostile tribesmen have been sheltering, has been commenced. Aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force have been observed flying low and dropping bombs, the effects of which are as yet unknown, as the territory is inaccessible.

The authorities gave the valley dwellers warning that the bombers would raid the territory and urged those who wished to save their families and their flocks to remove them.

Meanwhile, further tribal outrages have occurred. Three Hindus and one Sikh have been kidnapped from a motor lorry at Khatwa Jomohod, three miles from Ragmak, making the total number of Hindus and Sikhs carried off by the tribesmen 14.

The Government has forbidden anyone to enter the territory beyond Kurranagari, five miles of Bannu, without permission.—Reuter.

RECORD WITHIN GRASP OF JAPANESE FLIERS ON LEAVING KARACHI

Already within sight of an all-time record for a flight from Asia to Europe, Masaki Unuma, 25-year-old ace pilot of the Asahi Shimbun newspapers and his mechanic, Kenji Tsukahashi, are expected to arrive at Basra this afternoon.

The two Japanese pilots took off from Karachi in their monoplane "Divine Wind" at 5 a.m. to-day, and in a subsequent radio report, say they are making excellent progress.

A message from the plane, received at 7 a.m., stated: "We will arrive at Athens to-night if all goes well, and will continue on to London, where we expect to land at daylight to-morrow."

The two men have made remarkable progress on their 11,000 mile flight from Tokyo to London. They left Tokyo at 2.20 a.m. on Tuesday, covering the 1,412 miles to Taihoku in 7 hours 2 minutes. Staying in Taihoku long enough to take in fuel, they departed at 10.15 a.m., arriving at Hanol just before 8 p.m.

They left Hanol at daybreak yesterday, landing at Vientiane Airport, on the French Indo-China-Siam border, at 10.20 a.m. Four hours later they were again in the air, flying to Karachi, via Calcutta.

They expect to arrive in London in less than 120 hours total elapsed time, or under 60 hours flying time.

The only near approach to this record was the flight of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer plane "Spirit of Fun," which flew from Hongkong to Cairo in 60 hours. This plane later crashed in South Africa.

The two Japanese fliers are carrying Coronation greetings from Japan to His Majesty the King.

ANGRY FARMERS OUST STRIKERS FROM FACTORY

25 Injured in Struggle For Possession

RIOTERS PARADE CAPTIVES BEFORE BOOING CROWD

Hershey, Penn., Apr. 7.

Farmers have taken a hand in the strike here which deprived them of their milk market.

A mob of over 100 men, calling themselves "loyal workers," took the law into their own hands to-day and forcibly ejected sit-down strikers who for five days have occupied the Hershey Chocolate Company factory here.

Among the strikers were many women, and they had to run the gauntlet past men armed with clubs and bottles. Fifty men, some of them cut and bleeding from the fight, were paraded as prisoners by the triumphant rioters, through hooting crowds.

Twenty-five were injured in the fighting in which the farmers joined with a will.—Reuter.

SIT-DOWN STRIKES CONDEMNED

Washington, Apr. 7.

The Senate, by 75 to 5 votes, passed a resolution to-day condemning sit-down strikes as illegal and contrary to public policy.

The resolution was introduced by the Senate Democrat leader, Senator Joseph T. Robinson.

The resolution also condemns the denial by any employer of the workers' right to collective bargaining and signifies the industrial spy system as tending to cause strikes and industrial warfare.

The resolution has not the force of law and does not need the presidential signature.—Reuter.

ANOTHER SETTLEMENT

Lansing, Mich., Apr. 7.

Following the Chrysler Corporation strike settlement, an agreement has been reached terminating the 21-day strike in the Rec Motor Car Company's plant, which threw 2,200 men into idleness.

The only major strike still unsettled is in the Hudson Motor Car Company factory in Detroit, which affects 10,000 men.

Mr. Homer Martin, President of the United Automobile Workers, said his union had not presented any demands to the Ford Motor Company, nor had it threatened to call sit-down strikes in the Ford plants. Mr. Martin thereby dispelled the rumours that the United Automobile Workers were planning an intensive drive against the Ford Company and the company union.—Reuter.

FORD WON'T GIVE IN

Way, Conn., Apr. 7.

Mr. Henry Ford, announcing the end of a short-lived sit-down strike in his assembly plant at St. Louis to-day, stated his company had no intention of recognizing the United Automobile Workers' Union as the sole bargaining agency of his workers.—Reuter.

MARKET DROPS SHARPLY

Tickers Far Behind Transactions

Commodities Down; Metals Weak

New York, Apr. 7.

Prices broke from \$1 to \$17 on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, with the Dow-Jones Industrial Average declining 4.91, the sharpest drop this year.

The decline came with heavy selling late in the session when the tickers were nine minutes behind. The reaction was blamed on the nervousness over the complicated gold policy rumours.

Other unfavourable factors included the threats of further unionisation of the automotive industry, some uncertainty over steel production, and the weakness of copper.

Favourable factors included the expectations of a resumption of dividends in several railroad companies, the settlement of the Chrysler strike and the improved technical position, together with a decline in gasoline storage.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Change
Industrials	182.98	178.07	OF 4.91
Rails	60.08	59.20	OF 1.28
Utilities	31.61	30.98	OF .63
Bonds	101.12	100.94	OF .18

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WAR RAGING FOR BILBAO

Basque Counter-Push Causes New Crisis

REBELS CONDEMN MANY PRISONERS TO DEATH

St. Jean de Luz, April 7.

By land, sea and air the battle for Bilbao is continuing with a fury which makes the engagement one of the bitterest of the whole Spanish war.

The insurgents to-day claim to have buried 876 Government dead as a result of the last few days' fighting. They have captured, they claim, 960 unwounded men, in addition to 116 wounded, who are in hospital at Vittoria.

The unwounded prisoners are being tried daily by court martial and the sentence of death is passed only upon those who "have intervened directly and with arms in the revolutionary movement against Nationalist Spain."

The insurgent artillery is pounding the Basque positions in the Ochandiano sector, and has been for a day and half. The main body of the insurgent army has now reached a point halfway between Ochandiano and Durango.

BUILDING VESSELS IN COLONY

Reviving Trade Gives Business To H.K.

Indo-China S.N. Co. Profits Increase

Three new ships for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., are now being built at Kowloon Dock, stated the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the annual meeting of shareholders of the shipping company this morning. Their ordering, he said, had become advisable in view of the trade revival and other optimistic signs following the union of North and South China.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Paterson said: "Although shipping in the East naturally enough is affected by the economic position of the world markets, it would be a mistake to suppose that the tide of prosperity that has overtaken the shipping industry in other countries has reached these shores at anything like full flood. For the past two years or so, for the amount of business offering, the amount of tonnage has been very low."

Later in the year, trades outside China improved and, as vessels left the Coast, the tonnage position in relation to the volume of trade began to adjust itself, a process that must of necessity take time. However, the Company is benefitting by the improved trading conditions and I am glad to report that the net balance of steamers' working accounts this year shows a profit of \$22,539 3s. 4d. as against a loss of \$27,346 11s. 6d. last year. After deducting the debits usual to Revenue Account and adding certain credits, all of which are explained later, the year closes with a loss of \$12,368 6s. 11d.

ICE DAMAGES STEAMERS

The year opened inauspiciously with North China in the grip of an abnormal winter. An almost impassable barrier of ice lay in the Gulf of Pechili from Tongku across the coast from January until March and a number of ships, including some of our own, sustained considerable damage to rudders and propellers whilst trading in that area. An inevitable result of the frozen state of rivers and harbours was delay and the Shipping Companies whose vessels were caught by ice must be very grateful to the Inspector-General of Customs for remitting tonnage dues during that period of forced inaction. The Port Authorities at Tientsin were unable to provide sufficient ice-breakers to provide sufficient ice-breakers.

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THREE TIMES BOMBARDED

Valencia, Apr. 7.

Santander, says a Government communique, was three times bombed by enemy planes yesterday. The working class quarters in the eastern part of the city were hit, and one bomb fell on a tramcar, killing the driver and conductor.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

VICTORY CLAIM

St. Jean de Luz, Apr. 8.

Yesterday's insurgent attack on the Basque front was the strongest yet launched, according to the Basque defenders, who declare that 30 German bombing planes continually rained high explosive on their lines but that the militiamen held on grimly, meeting the attackers with machine-gun fire and grenades.

Insurgent radio bulletins claim the capture of Urquola Pass, between Ochandiano and Durango, but an official Basque communique denies this. Senor Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic, has broadcast a message to the Basque people to hold out against the invader at this critical juncture, assuring them that though hard-pressed they will win in the end. He adds that although the enemy has superiority in the air at the moment, the Basques will soon have enough planes to repel him.—Reuter.

Labour Agrees Leader Should Get Salary

London, Apr. 7.

The Parliamentary Labour Party has agreed in principle that the Leader of the Opposition should accept a salary under the Ministers of the Crown Bill.

The constitutional position of the Opposition Leader in the State is recognised, but the Labour Party has not committed itself to the amount of remuneration to be paid.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

BRITISH GENERAL PASSES

London, Apr. 8.

Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Scott, K.C.B., (Indian Army, retired), passed away to-day. He joined the Royal Irish Rifles in 1888 and served in all important campaigns, including the European War, up to the time of his retirement in 1920. He was in the Boxer Uprising in 1900. He is survived by one son, General Scott was born in 1857.—Reuter.

DINING within the EMPIRE

QUICK transport and perfection in tinned foods have brought to the world's table all the delicacies of the Empire. We can have the most luscious of summer fruits in the middle of the winter, and the most unusual products of different parts of the world at our own dinner tables. Empire dinners will be fashionable during Coronation celebrations, and with so many good things to choose from these are easy to evolve. Here are some suggestions for dishes:

Pineapple Cocktails

The small pineapples from South Africa make excellent fruit cocktails and compotes. They are more juicy if boiling water is poured over them and they are left in it for a few minutes before taking off the outside skin.

Remove all the eyes carefully, cut into small pieces, sprinkle with Canadian maple sugar, and then squeeze with lemon juice. Chill before serving. The pineapple can be mixed with a few sliced South African lychees or some halved and stoned black grapes, or the addition of granadilla pulp gives an unusual flavour.

Clam Cream Soup

Canada supplies excellent tinned clams, and these can be made into a good cream soup. Drain the juice from the clams, and put in a double saucepan with as much milk as will fill the empty tin. Thicken with butter and cornflour, add the finely chopped clams, and cook gently for about 15 minutes. The soup can be rubbed through a sieve if preferred.

Baked Salmon

Choose thick slices of Canadian salmon, wash and dry them, and put in a buttered baking tin. Chop half a small onion finely, mix with some salt, pepper, and a little grated nutmeg, sprinkle over the fish and put a lump of butter on each slice. Bake in a hot oven, basting frequently. Drain before serving, and coat

SUGGESTED DISHES

Pineapple Cocktails

Clam Cream Soup

Baked Salmon and Tomato

Sauce

Breaded Lamb Cutlets

Green Peas

Avocado Salad

Cheese and Asparagus

Savoury

with Canadian tomato sauce, or serve it separately.

Breaded Lamb Cutlets

New Zealand provides lamb cutlets, and these are improved if sprinkled with olive oil and left for some hours before cooking. Drain them, coat with beaten egg and fine breadcrumbs, lightly seasoned and mixed with a little powdered mint. Fry in butter and drain well. Excellent tinned green peas from our home country are available throughout the year, and can be cooked in the various attractive ways suggested in the cookery leaflets supplied with the tins.

Avocado Pears

Avocado pears, from South Africa, make an unusual salad. Allow half a pear for each person, scoop out the pulp, and chop it lightly. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and lemon juice, mix with a little chopped celery and one or two chopped olives, put back in the shells, and finish with a little mayonnaise.

Cheese and Asparagus

For the savoury, Canada supplies the asparagus tips and New Zealand the grated cheese. Drain the asparagus, toss lightly in butter, put on fingers of buttered toast, cover with grated cheese, and brown under the grill.

There are plums, peaches, and nectarines from South Africa for dessert, as well as pears and grapes, or such exotic fruits as custard apples, to be eaten with a spoon, or Cape gooseberries, which are delicious if the papery cases are folded back and the fruit dipped in sugar. Coffee from Kenya, completes the meal, served with dark brown sugar candy.

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Pretty Blouses
in Organdie,
Lace & Chiffon



Embroidered organdie blouse with kilted fichu and castellated finish has a flower cap for a tea-time partner. A graduated basque marks the black lace blouse, worn over a tulle slip.

FOR THE TEA-TIME HOUR

There is something particularly feminine about blouses. However severe your tailor-made, you can give your outfit a pleasing womanly look when choosing blouses to go with it.

Organdie, so easy to launder, is going to be a favourite. In the illustration you see a blouse designed in this material that carries all before it, so wide and large are the frills that have been introduced down the front.

For wear later on in the day, blouses in this attractive material are cut bolero shape and bordered with vividly coloured flowers.

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LACE, too, has a front place in Coronation fashions. Both day and evening blouses are being made of this good wearing texture material. For day wear, styles are neat looking with long, tight-fitting sleeves, with just a hint of fullness at the shoulder.

It is in the evening when long satin or crepe skirts are donned that one sees lace blouses in their beauty. Enormous sleeves, slashed backs, frilly and straight basques, short bolero effects, each individual note of fashion gives something to that most useful item of the wardrobe—the lace blouse.

Lace has the inestimable merit of always bobbing up again looking as fresh as can be. It will go triumphantly through the evening without a crease and come up again quite cheerfully for several other parties. A tip tilted hat is required to go with our third blouse (in soft red chiffon) from the Paris shows. Cleverly draped sleeves give a high look to the shoulders without making them square.

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ALL these blouse fashions are absolutely in keeping with the jaunty low crowned hats that are a feature of the hat collections. A small white paper straw bird perches on the brim edge of a flat boater shape, or is poised on a toque just as if a feathered songster had alighted for one short moment.

A few flowers stretched on a net foundation make a pretty cap-shaped hat. Here, too, you can let your fancy run riot. You can be as colourful as an herbaceous border. A narrow band of flowers instead of elastic will keep your toque balanced at the right angle.



* Mary Grace's
Fashion News

Soft, red chiffon with draped sleeves and bow finish makes a charming afternoon blouse. Herbolster is flower-trimmed.

NAME CHART LILY

SYMBOL: A girl holding a white dove

THIS name expresses the rare gift of sympathy. You should win the love that is more valuable than admiration or conventional regard.

Monday is your lucky day, and the hour after sunrise and the hour after sunset are the richest in blessings. The 16th day of the month is the best for all personal affairs.

White, silvery grey, and turquoise blue are the colours that tone best with your personality.

Your lucky gem is the moonstone, your flower is the marguerite, and your lucky number is 7.

Give your jewels a face-clean

EMERALDS, onyx, jade, diamonds, corallians, sapphires, rubies—all hard, sparkling stones—should be bathed in hot soapsuds to which a little ammonia has been added. Use a wooden or China bowl. Scrub briskly with a small soft brush in and around the setting. Dry with silk, soft linen or a scrap of blotting paper rolled into a point. Shaking in jeweller's sawdust gives these stones an extra twinkle and dries them thoroughly.

Soft, delicate gems, such as opals, lapis lazuli, turquoise and pearls, need lukewarm water. Pearls should have a twice-yearly professional cleaning and re-stringing. Artificial pearls which have lost their lustre should be dipped in French chalk or powdered magnesia, and dusted with silk after a day or two.

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Soap and water washes crystal, which should then be dropped in cold water containing washing blue. Clean translucent mother of pearl with a soft cloth dipped in salad oil, polishing gently with silk.

Patty powder mixed with olive oil makes silver jewellery glitter after polishing. Sifted whitening and ammonia is effective on badly tarnished antiquities. Let it dry.

A thin coating of jeweller's powder or paste left to dry and removed with a soft brush is good for marcasite. Use this dry-clean, too, for artificially coloured gems, such as rhinestones. Water cracks the metal coating at the back.

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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE TOPICS

Big Problems That Face Empire Delegates

The agenda for the Imperial Conference, which opens in London on May 14, were outlined by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons recently.

Mr. Baldwin said the conference would afford an opportunity for discussing matters of common interest to members of the British Commonwealth under the following heads:

- (1) Foreign affairs and defence.
- (2) Constitutional questions.
- (3) Trade, shipping and air communications and allied questions.

"As regards foreign affairs and defence," said Mr. Baldwin, "the agenda will include the examination of the general situation, together with any relative questions of a less general character that may require consideration."

"As regards constitutional questions, particular subjects proposed for consideration are certain matters relating to Commonwealth Treaty procedure and international status of members of the British Commonwealth and channels of communication between them."

SHIPPING AND AIR

As regards shipping and air communications and allied questions, the Premier went on, the following would be the main headings:

- (1) General review of progress of Empire trade and questions arising therefrom.
- (2) A review of the work of the Imperial Economic Committee and other organisations in the economic sphere.
- (3) General questions arising in connection with shipping policy, including review of the work of the Imperial Shipping Committee.
- (4) Civil air communication.

It had been generally agreed by His Majesty's Governments that any question arising out of the Ottawa Agreement could best be dealt with as occasion arose in separate discussion between individual Governments concerned and apart from the Imperial Conference.

It was hoped there would be opportunity during the course of the Imperial Conference for an exchange of views on the subject of migration within the Empire.

They Will Guard The Crown Jewels

ELEVEN MEN HAVE IMPORTANT TASK

London, Apr. 1.

Behind the ancient gray walls of the Tower of London the warders are drilling daily for two important coronation duties—guarding the crown jewels during the time they will be away from the tower for the crowning, and forming the guard of honour at the west entrance to Westminster Abbey, where the King and Queen will enter.

The men to guard the priceless jewels will be 11 in number, the gaurd will be 10 yeoman warders, whose picturesque flat-topped, straight-brimmed velvet hats and short capes are familiar to tourist sightseers.

ANCIENT WEAPONS

All the warders are being drilled in the handling of ancient weapons, which they will carry at the ceremony. This majestic pageantry will, of course, be supplemented by keen-eyed Scotland Yard operatives capable of coping with any emergency threatening the crown jewels or the persons of Their Majesties.

The gunners at the tower are looking forward to a big day on May 12 when they will fire no less than 248 salutes. At dawn there will be a salvo of 62 guns, another 62 will announce the departure of King George and Queen Elizabeth from Buckingham Palace, a further 62 will boom when they arrive at the abbey and a final 62 will be fired to announce the actual crowning.

ROYAL SALUTES

The group of 62 is divided: 21 for the royal salute; 21 for the tower, which technically is a royal palace and fortress, and 20 for the City of London. The salutes will be fired by a detachment of the Honourable Artillery Company, tower gunners, an organization which will celebrate its 400th anniversary this summer.

Excavations at the entrance of the tower are being rushed to completion before the flood of coronation visitors arrives, and will change the appearance of the old landmark for those who have seen it before. The plan is to expose, as one of the sights of the tower, the remains of the Lion tower, the Lion Gate and the causeway with the drawbridge that was in ancient times the connecting link with the Middle tower. These outer defences, built during the reign of Henry III 600 years ago, were partially demolished and have been buried since 1853.

HEALTH SECRET OF THE SEASIDE

By A Medical Correspondent

An attempt to study scientifically what makes the seaside such an excellent recovery ground for convalescent children is described in the current issue of the British Medical Journal.

On an island in the North Sea there are two large and many small convalescent homes belonging to various municipal and insurance organisations in Germany, together with a small laboratory where studies could be made.

One of the most interesting investigations was concerned with diet and storage. A certain group of boys before arriving at the seaside, went to a special diet clinic in Hamburg where their chemistry was studied while on a special diet. Then they went to the seaside with the same nurse and on the same diet as in the town. Yet now it was found that they were retaining in the system large quantities of essential foodstuffs for body-building purposes and up went their weight.

QUICKER PROCESSES

Studies of the oxygen consumption of the body at the seaside shows that the whole chemistry and burning up processes are working at higher level, and exact measurements of the gastric juices upon the same children in town and at the seaside shows that there is a marked increase when they are under the influence of the sea climate.

Other studies have shown that the haemoglobin of the blood increases, not only under the influence of sunshine but under the influence of fresh air alone; indeed, sunlight appears to play a comparatively minor part in the changes here mentioned and some authorities consider that the best results for convalescent children at the seaside are obtained in the winter.

Two Billion Years As Age of Earth Latest Reckoning

Cambridge, Mass., Apr. 1.

TAKEING measurements with a new yardstick created by recently discovered radio-active substances, Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard geology professor, estimates that the earth is about 2,000,000,000 years old.

"Although for more than a century geologists have possessed a very satisfactory technique for determining the relative age of various events in the history of the earth," he says, "it is only within the last few years that they have had a satisfactory method for measuring the lapse of time."

He said the oldest minerals, the age of which is known, are about 1,800,000,000 years old, and many specimens indicate ages greater than 600,000,000 years. —United Press.

SOVIET REGIMENT OF BOYS

Helsingfors, Apr. 1.

The Soviet Government's decision to militarise the youth of Russia has already led to the formation of a regiment entirely composed of boys in their teens.

The colonel is a sixteen-year-old youth named Romanoff, who is claimed to have shown considerable promise at the rifle butts and an extraordinary aptitude for military strategy.

Both officers and "men" of this remarkable regiment, the first of its kind in history, are awarded the same ranks as in the regular army. They also have a "political commissar" and their own band.

Other juvenile regiments are in course of formation in different parts of the country.



Five young Catholic priests who were recently Ordained in Hongkong by Mgr. Valtorta, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese.

Green Fire Engines—in Germany

Berlin, Apr. 1.

Everything is changing its colour in Germany.

Fire engines, which hitherto were red, are to be painted green by order of Himmler, chief of the German Police, and of the Hitler Guards. —Exchange.

GOLF GIRL FOUND DRUGGED

New York, Apr. 1.

BEATRICE GOTTLIEB, who played golf with the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales, was found unconscious, in silk pyjamas, sprawled across her bed while jurors were deciding to dismiss her £10,000 claim against cafe proprietor Carey Pheasant, former prize-fighter, alleging criminal assault.

Police say that a box beside her bed had contained sleeping tablets. She is recovering in hospital.

Man Who "Had One" With Dickens

ONE of the last personal links with Charles Dickens has been severed by the death of Mr. C. E. Vining, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, at the age of 91.

Mr. Vining recalled his first meeting with Dickens. Calling one day at the "Sir John Falstaff" inn near Gads Hill, in 1865, he was asked by a man in the bar to "have one."

Young Vining said: "Thank you, sir, but I must do my business as a tobacco salesman first; then I'll have nothing stronger than peppermint."

"You are a good young man to get your business done first."

Later Dickens invited him to a reading of "All the year round," and told to ask at the lecture hall for Mr. Dickens.

He created a sensation when he demanded "Mr. Dickens" in person, but Dickens came out, found him a good box seat, and saw that he had an enjoyable evening.

After this opening Mr. Vining was a regular attendant at all Dickens readings, though perhaps the fact that the novelist took him to his club after the show was also some inducement.

Mr. Vining recalled Dickens as a "ball fellow well met" type, always ready to stand a round of drinks, and was especially interested in travellers.

Another link with those leisure days was Mr. Vining's business of the old "Churchwarden" pipes.

Loneliest Islanders Say Make Us British

Capetown, Apr. 1.

THE inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, the world's loneliest island, want their home recognised as an established part of the British Empire, according to a radio message from the visiting cruiser Carlisle.

They are also anxious to make it plain that Tristan is facing starvation and is infested with rats are myths. The Carlisle found the islanders in perfect health. —Reuter.

Michael, Born In 1813, Gets 7s. 6d. And Talks Of George The First

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Manchester, Apr. 1.

BELIEVE it or not, but Michael Moore walked into the office of the relief committee here to-day and told them that he was born in 1813 and that his father fought in the Battle of Waterloo.

"Wait a bit, Michael," said the chairman, Councillor Calcutt, and sent for the pension records. According to some of them Michael was well over 110, anyway.

The committee gazed at him with some astonishment. "It's quite right," croaked the patriarch, stroking his long white beard. No one there was able to contradict him. So they gave Michael an extra 7s. 6d. a week "because of great age." It seemed to be the least they could do.

TALES OF NAPOLEON

Michael walked back to his lodgings in Gaylor-street, a quarter of a mile away, twirled his stick, smiling now and then—perhaps recalling funny stories his father had told him about Napoleon and the Iron Duke.

To-night he showed me that stick of his. It is very short. "Ever since I became a centenarian," he said, "I've cut a bit off each year."

"I don't care what I do. I was a trawler hand once. A shoemaker too. And a bootblack. And a night watchman. But that was a goodish time ago."

I interrupted him to ask who was King when he was born.

"It was a George," said Michael. "I forget which. I expect it was George the First."

"But I was young then, you know."

Strikers' Barrage Of Hoses

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"Prudent parents will not, and should not, bring children into the world if they are to be ill-fed and ill-housed."

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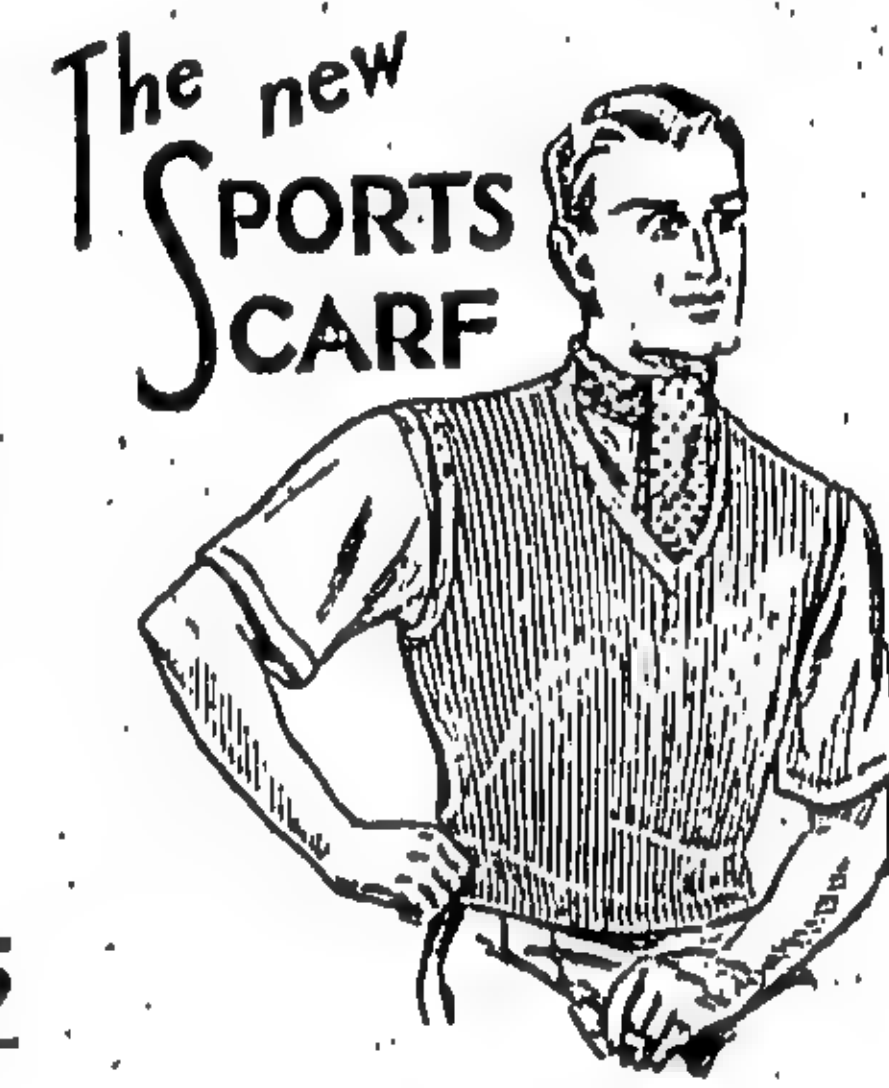
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to keep the river open, and although it has been ruled that there would be no justification for making provision against ice conditions that obtain only once in 25 years, it should not be overlooked that the closing of the sea route to Tientsin would aggravate the grave smuggling problems of North China. Trade was brisk after the thaw but later settled down to a more normal volume.

In the South, business remained quiet during the first few months of the year, and ships were actually withdrawn from long estuarine trades but in July an event occurred which gave rise generally in China to tremendous impetus—this political unity achieved by the Central Government which brought the South-western provinces under its control. I feel that this outstanding achievement will have far-reaching effects on the future welfare of China.

During the latter half of 1936 all our vessels on the coast were well filled, and steps were taken by the various lines with whom we are associated to advance rates of freight as far as was practicable. Unfortunately, progress is likely to be slow and difficult when it comes to revising tariffs.

On the river, happier conditions prevailed throughout the year against the background of an abundant harvest. In my speech last year I referred to the need of agrarian reform in China, and none seeing the repopulated farms in the Yangtze Valley could possibly doubt the inestimable benefits such a measure would bring to the whole country. As another indication of the settled conditions prevailing along the Yangtze, armed guards on British ships were withdrawn in July last. These guards have been carried off and on for the past eight years, and their further use is now considered quite unnecessary. We are, as always, very grateful to His Majesty's naval and military authorities for their invaluable assistance.

As a result of the policy adopted last year by the Borneo exporters in restricting the shipment of timber, our vessels on this run did not do as well as they have done in former years. Trading conditions were indeed unusually heavy and bills in re-shipment of timber to comply with the requirements under the Siam Convention; I made reference to this point in my previous report.

I should like to remark here that a great deal has been said in the Press of late about competition in the trade between India and the Far East where our company was one of the pioneers, but the matter is a sub-judice and for the moment I must leave it. Your Directors once more are pleased to report that no major casualty occurred in the fleet in the period under review and that you will wish to associate yourselves with them in paying a well-deserved tribute to the floating staff. In passing, you will have read of the stranding of s.s. Hopsang on Garunbi Point, Formosa, on 11th March last. At the time of the accident she was in a light condition, appears to have been overweighed by weather and is likely to become a total loss.

As regards the future position of the Company, you know that we have been short of tonnage since 1931 and have had to charter the advantages of employing other people's ships to-day will be obvious to you but to charter was the only method available to watch our interests until the promise of better times justified a longer view. Towards the end of 1936 it seemed that the General Managers that both chartering rates and the cost of new tonnage were likely to rise considerably in the near future, and that the time had arrived to implement a part of the Company's building programme. During November, an order for two coasters of the Takung type and one

EXCHANGE RATES

	April 6.	April 7.
Paris.....	100.29/04	100.39/04
Geneva.....	21.51	21.50
Berlin.....	12.18 1/2	12.18
Athens.....	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.....	93.0/32	93.5/32
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Oslo.....	19.90	19.90
Shanghai.....	1/2.17/32	1/2.17/32
New York.....	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.08	8.04 1/2
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague.....	140 1/2	140 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2.11	1/2.11
Bombay.....	1/0 1/2	1/0 1/2
Montreal.....	4.89 1/2	4.89
Buenos Aires.....	20.12	20.07 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	213	213
Monte Video.....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio.....	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bucharest.....	607 1/2	607 1/2
Silver (forward).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2

—British Wireless.

small winter Upper River steamer was placed with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. As in the case of the Takung, we negotiated a loan with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to whom we shall mortgage certain ships as security. It will be appreciated that very large sums of money will be required for new tonnage or to create building and other capital in cash. I am glad to be able to tell you that the two new Takungs and the Upper River ship are cheap indeed when viewed in the light of to-day's prices and the original Takung is, of course, a better bargain still.

It is difficult to fix a point but the wise man buys on a rising market—perhaps our best justification for acting when we did last autumn is that the two new Takungs and the Upper River ship are cheap indeed when viewed in the light of to-day's prices and the original Takung is, of course, a better bargain still.

During the lean years we have passed through, when the Company failed not only to make its debt payments but incurred heavy cash losses as well, and with all borrowing power fully mortgaged, it would have been unwise to attempt to launch out on an extensive construction programme yet to build at the height of a boom entails trouble of another sort.

FEES WAIVED

The Directors have again waived their fees amounting to £1,500 per annum and this money will not be held in suspense.

Dealing with the statement of accounts, the items debited to revenue amount to £83,021 14s. 8d. as follows: general charges £30,422 10s. 6d., depreciation £37,746 9s. 0d., floating staff pensions £10,941 13s. 0d., interest £3,611 4s. 0d.

Items credited to Revenue Account amount to £71,253 5s. 9d. and include balance brought forward from 1935 £1,321 17s. 1d., gain on working of steamers £2,639 3s. 4d., transfer fees £32 14s. 0d. and Exchange Adjustment £7,359 11s. 4d. The net result of the above is a credit of £12,368 8s. 11d., which it is proposed to carry forward to the year 1937.

Coming to the balance sheet it will be seen that steamships, hulks, launches, etc. show a slight increase of £2,821 8s. 11d. due to purchase of lighters, while depreciation has been written off on the usual basis and amounts to £27,746 9s. 0d. You are reminded that no depreciation could be allowed for in 1934 and 1935. Sundry debtors in China and London, Agency balances, coal and stores show slight variations and all the amounts

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
New York Cotton	14.36/37	14.07/09	14.24/26	13.91/93	13.71/73	13.37/39	13.04/05	13.26/28	13.07/07	13.32/32	13.71/71	13.30/30
Spot	14.00	14.07										
New York Rubber	25.58/58	24.35/35	25.78/78	24.57/57	25.86/86	24.50/50	25.78n	24.47n	25.75/75	24.42n		
Total sales—12,220 tons.												
Chicago Wheat	142/141 1/2	141 1/2/141 1/2	128 1/2/128 1/2	127 1/2/127 1/2	124 1/2/124 1/2	123 1/2/123 1/2						
Tuesday's sales:—												
Chicago Corn	129 1/2	130 1/2/130 1/2	120 1/2/120 1/2	121/121 1/2	111 1/2/111 1/2	112 1/2/112 1/2						
Winnipeg Wheat	143 1/2	147 1/2/147 1/2	148 1/2/148 1/2	142 1/2/142 1/2	127 1/2/127 1/2	126 1/2/126 1/2						

Chicago Corn 47,938,000 bushels.

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Sept.	111 1/2/111 1/2	112 1/2/112 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat	143 1/2	147 1/2/147 1/2
May	148 1/2/148 1/2	142 1/2/142 1/2
July	143 1/2/143 1/2	142 1/2/142 1/2
Oct.	127 1/2/127 1/2	126 1/2/126 1/2

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Moscow, Apr. 7.
M. Jacob Suritz, Soviet Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to France in the place of M. Potemkin, who has been appointed Assistant Commissar of Foreign Affairs in Moscow.—Reuters.

owing to the Company have been accounted for.

Underwriting Account shows a reduction of £1,496 13s. 1d. due to sundry accidents not recoverable under our policies and now stands at £46,100. Special Repairs and Renewals Account has been decreased by £10,208 19s. 0d. due chiefly to ice damage to which reference has been made already, and now stands at £23,172 18s. 0d. Sundry creditors in China and London now stand at £216,852 14s. 5d. as against £234,363 4s. 3d. last year. The balance due to the General Managers has increased from £37,036 1s. 1d. to £128,826 15s. 5d. but our Sterling Loan Account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation amounting to £82,165 17s. 5d. has been paid off. The contingent liability for cumulative preferred dividends for 11 years amounts to £163,933 14s. 0d.

I do not think there is anything more in the Accounts to be commented upon and I now propose the following resolution:—That the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the debit balance of £12,368 8s. 11d. be carried to next year.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo and agreed to unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. A. Murdoch proposed and Mr. H. W. Duley seconded the re-election of Messrs. M. T. Johnson and S. T. Williamson as directors. This was agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. N. L. H. Raitton, seconded by Mr. A. M. da Silva, Mr. John Fleming and Mr. A. Ritchie were reappointed auditors at a salary of \$8,000.

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Mr. W. E. Kirby and seconded by Mr. A. Murdoch. Those present were the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson (chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. M. T. Johnson and S. T. Williamson (directors), Mr. C. T. Tod (secretary), Mr. R. A. Wadson (solicitor) and Messrs. M. H. Lo, W. E. Kirby, N. L. H. Raitton, A. M. da Silva, A. Murdoch, H. W. Duley, Chan Wing, Chui Sin-nam, A. E. Wilcox, J. Fleming (shareholders).

MARKET DROPS SHARPLY

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Volume: 2,200,000 shares.—United Press.

U.S. GOLD POLICY

Washington, Apr. 7.
Commenting on the New York and London reports that the United States Treasury is contemplating reducing the price of gold, a high Treasury official to-day said that the buying policy is unchanged and "there is no intimation of any change".

It is understood that many banks are finding it unprofitable to import gold due to the very small spread between the foreign price and the Treasury's \$35 per ounce.—United Press.

COPPER REDUCTION

New York, Apr. 7.
The price of No. 1 scrap copper was to-day reduced by 1/2 cent to 13 1/2 cents per pound, placing the price of electrolytic copper the equivalent of 14 1/2 cents per pound.

It was rumoured that electrolytic was to-day offered at 15 cents per pound and there were no takers.—United Press.

BASE METALS DECLINE

New York, Apr. 7.
The St. Joseph Lead Company to-day cut lead prices by 1 cent to a base of 6 cents in New York and cut lead prices by 1 cent to a base of 6 cents in New York and 5.85 cents per pound in St. Louis, the largest single drop in price for ten years.

The decline followed the wide drop in London, erasing all gains except the 120 points advance since November.

Straits tin fell 1 1/2 cents to 60 1/2 cents per pound, while zinc was quiet and steady.

New York copper futures on the Commodity Exchange broke the daily maximum limit of 100 points at the opening to-day, reflecting the sharp drop in copper prices on the London Metal Exchange and the general weakness of the outside markets.

The break in the world metal markets led to the deduction in important quarters that the price of domestic copper will shortly be reduced again.—United Press.

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FAIR WEATHER

The depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and another depression appears to be developing over the Loocheos. A weak anticyclone covers China. Local forecast: North and N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

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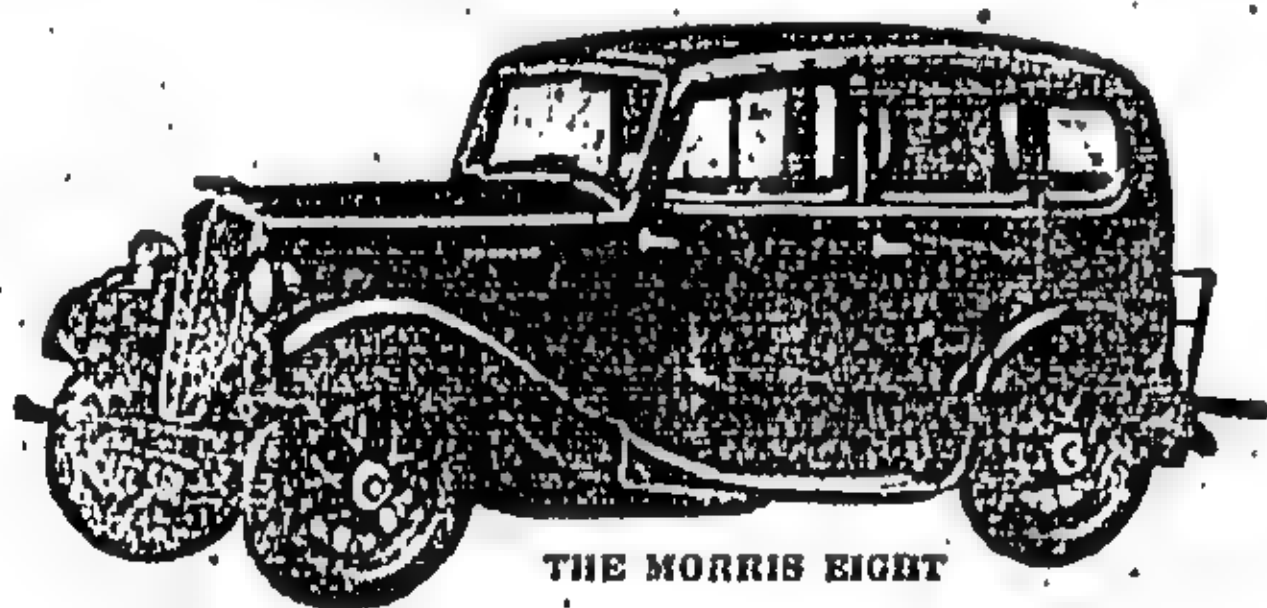
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AMERICA AND EUROPE

Whilst the United States still maintains its traditional policy of keeping out of foreign entanglements, there have been constant reminders of late that the American Government and the American people are deeply interested in events in Europe, as they must inevitably be in these days, when happenings in one part of the world have their reactions in others. Indeed, it is clearly realised in official circles that circumstances might arise in which the United States would become involved in a world war, should one, unhappily, again break out. The American Ambassador to France, speaking recently in regard to the position of the United States in relation to the international situation, declared: "We hope to stay out of war, but we are entirely aware that there is always some possibility that some nation may be sufficiently reckless to drive us into war." This speech, as might have been expected, has received worldwide notice, and has set people in many parts of the globe talking about the possible action which America might take in any future major war. Mr. Bullitt referred to the unsuccessful efforts to keep out of the last war and in this connection it is important to recall that Japan was then on the same side as the United States. The war that Americans have in mind is one in which Japan, in view of her alliances, might reasonably be expected to be engaged in—an offensive war. Any student of American affairs must know that the only threat to American interests and American security which American citizens fear is that which might come from Japan, their nearest Great Power neighbour. If one excepts British Canada. Questioned on the subject almost any American will admit that it would be more difficult to keep out of a general war in which Japan assumed the offensive than it was to keep out of the Great War. Mr. Bullitt's speech should at any rate serve as a wholesome deterrent to any would-be aggressors, more particularly as it was prefaced by a declaration that "we are not indifferent to the state of those countries which carry on the great traditions of Western civilisation." In this regard, the United States and Britain stand on common ground, and in any future threat to democracies it seems certain that they would be found side by side once again.

ONE of our memories of pre-war school-days was the Fifth of November, when we celebrated the famous gunpowder plot with much gusto and many fire-crackers.

Whenever a new Parliament meets in London, a ceremonial search is made in the basements of the Palace of Westminster; for we still remember Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder.

Hongkong school-kiddies, probably through environment, do not possess the facilities we had at Home for celebrating one of the happiest of juvenile anniversaries.

But this article is not about school-boys, or gunpowder plots in underground cellars. It is about another danger, not underneath but above, far deadlier than any store of explosive. Are we not too unconcerned of that shadow over the heart of Hongkong—the shadow of a military aeroplane?

Remember that the position for Hongkong is very different now from what it was in 1914-1918.

No Power in the world could have threatened Hongkong from the air in the grim days of the Great War.

The increase of range and reliability of aircraft affects every person in Hongkong. In the War we were safe from aggression from the sea, land and air. The sea, because the waters surrounding a heavily fortified Hongkong could have been heavily mined at the mere suggestion of the approach of hostile warships; the land, because of our topographical features; the air, because of the limited range of aircraft.

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TO-DAY, one aeroplane can drop several thousands of incendiary bombs, each capable of starting a fire-centre which water cannot extinguish. Even if, by a miracle of skill, half the number of aeroplanes in a raid were brought down—a performance never approached in the last war—the surviving raiders would suffice to burn out essential services, dockyards, water works and lay a ring of fires round the city.

Whilst the weapons become more destructive, cities do not become less vulnerable. Think what your home would be like if the gas main had been blown up, the electricity cut off at the source, and the sewers interrupted by a few explosions. A modern city is made possible by a network of pipes like the veins of a fragile body.

Against this danger no adequate defence by military means

is known or seems likely to be invented.

"Despite the steps which the Government are taking to increase the Air Force for Home Defence and the ground anti-aircraft defences, it is impossible to guarantee immunity from attack. The increasing speed of aircraft makes the task of defence progressively more difficult, and their greater weight-carrying capacity adds to the damage which can be effected even by a single aircraft which eludes the defenders."

That warning is not mine but is quoted from the British Government's air defence circular to local authorities.

Even if we had twice as many aircraft as any possible combination of attackers, that would not give reliable security; and our predominance would be regarded by others as a danger to themselves.

Even if a million gas masks were issued next week, and if each of us except the babies could put on our mask in time, and if each mask was perfectly effective against the type of gas for which it was designed, those masks would be useless if the enemy, warned by his secret service, took the simple precaution of using some other type of gas.

We are promised several squadrons of Royal Air Force machines as soon as they are available, but even ten squadrons may prove ineffective against a mass attack by enemy bombers.

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BUT we can at least obtain the best possible safeguard at present available, and it is this that we urgently require.

Civilisation has brought the enemy, even if he is as far away from the Colony as Soviet Russia, Italy or Germany, to the front, doors of Hongkong or Singapore. Although Singapore might be attacked, it is hardly

likely that any European Power would bother about Hongkong. But where we gain from geographical advantages *vis-a-vis* Europe, we lose *vis-a-vis* Asia.

Both China and Japan have aerial fleets which, should the necessity ever arise, could bomb Hongkong and Singapore out of existence.

The remarkable flight this week of the two Japanese aviators en route to London for the Coronation typifies the speed at which modern bombers could travel.

The two men left Taihoku, in northern Formosa, at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday and passed south of Hongkong at 1.15 p.m., exactly three hours. From Koshun, in southern Formosa, to Hongkong is only two hours flight for a modern bomber.

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IT is almost a year since the Government announced the appointment of an Air Raids Precautions Committee to investigate the position in Hongkong. Whatever has been done officially in the intervening period has been shrouded in secrecy.

Newspapers announced that big plans were afoot for the protection of the population. Gas masks were to be made available for all, and gas shelters were to be provided. The population were to be instructed in the art of protecting themselves against a sudden rain of death from the skies.

But nothing seems to have been done yet to show the public how it is going to be protected, or to instruct civilians what they should do.

The public should be told about these things now—when there is no fear of invasion, no likely enemy on the horizon. To suddenly tell the public of the horrors of gas attack when a gas attack appears imminent would

Montage by von Kobza-nagy

create a panic that would be hard to suppress in a Colony where 80 per cent. of the population is of an excitable disposition.

The Government must tell us, through the newspapers, what steps are being taken to protect us. All this talk of heavy expenditure on re-orientation of Hongkong is leaving the people with the uneasy feeling that they may be the scapegoats in the event of war—that only those people essential to the defence of Hongkong will receive protection. If Hongkong is to become the outpost for Singapore, as the General Officer Commanding suggested recently, something must be done about the menace from the air. The civilian population is helping to foot the bill for all this new military activity, and is entitled to know what is being done for it in return. It's all very well telling us that we can obtain gas masks by joining the Volunteers, but that won't help our wives and our kiddies.

Soon or late—and it should be soon—Government must take some definite steps to protect the inhabitants of Hongkong and Government should announce what steps it intends taking.

Until collective security is again a reality in this part of the Pacific, or a new attempt is made to master aviation the destroyer and to set free aviation for the world's service, the people of Hongkong are entitled to as much protection as can be given them. They must be inoculated against the ravages of war from the air just as, when an epidemic threatens, they are inoculated against diseases. Inoculation cannot be provided by silence and inaction—the people must be told what they are to do and what they are to expect.

At present we seem to be looking on whilst the Guy Fawkeses of 1936—the war pilots—make ready to blow civilisation to bits. —S.

SHAKESPEARE WAS A BUSINESS MAN

By
Robb Lawson

"HOLLYWOOD has passed up its option on William Shakespeare." So it is announced that the film producers have cancelled plans for any further Shakespearean pictures. After spending an average of £250,000 on each production they discover "the idea" spells bad business.

Somewhere in the immortal shades, Shakespeare must be shaking his head. For the Stratford poet happened to be the most commercially-minded and financially successful playwright of his period.

Entering the theatrical profession at the age of 22, he achieved the rare record of being able to retire at the age of 40, on an income of, roughly, £1,000 per annum.

As the eldest son in a family of eight, he started off with the advantage of a training in his father's business as butcher, millster and general dealer. John Shakespeare was one of the illigible sort and his acquaintance with the vagaries of Elizabethan law was extensive and peculiar. Which may account for son William's frequent incursions into the Law Courts.

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Consider how heavily handicapped he was in his first attempt to break into the theatrical world. Married at 18, father of a family of three

at the age of 21, and earning a pittance in Stratford as a school-usher, you can realise how strong must have been the urge when he finally elected to take the plunge.

The moment was unlucky. Then, as now, the profession was overstocked. Secretary Walsingham reported that over 20 players were trying to eke out a precarious living. The City authorities had chased them out of London and they were compelled to tour. In many cases business was so bad the companies had to pawn their costumes.

Will Shakespeare made for Shore-ditch, where, out of City bounds, it was possible for one manager, James Burbage, to carry on play-house performances at The Swan and The Theatre. While he waited he was watching his chance. His own business instinct led him to take up the casual job of taking care of the gentlemen's horses while they enjoyed the two-and-a-half-hour show at The Theatre hardy.

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Gradually he inured himself into Burbage's races and managed to persuade that irascible man to give

him a job. Prompter's assistant, practically a call-boy, he was entrusted with copying actors' parts from the theatre repertory. So intelligently was the service rendered that Burbage entrusted him with the task of bringing old plays up to date. His most memorable job was to doctor up Marlowe's "Fustius."

Will must have sobbed down and kept a strict eye on the main chance. It was always difficult for his friends to lure him out of his lodgings at Norton Folgate. John Aubrey tells us, "Shakespeare was not a company keeper. He wouldn't be debauched and if invited to, 'write he was in pain'."

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For two years (1592-1594) the playwright was busy working for three companies, and as these plays were performed at the Swan, the Rose and the Newington Butts on (Continued on Page 4.)

Spectators Fascinated By Strange Tennis Duel In Colony's Singles Championship

KONG BEWILDERED BY PAT-BALL TACTICS OF OPPONENT

THREE-SET GAME LASTS HOUR AND A HALF

(By "Veritas")

FOR an hour and a half yesterday afternoon the No. 9 court at the Hongkong Cricket Club was the scene of one of the strangest tennis matches ever seen in the Colony championships.

Paul Kong, noted Chinese exponent, was opposed to Captain Coppinger, some years ago a prominent competitor in the Senior Service championships. For ninety minutes Captain Coppinger had Kong guessing with his peculiar method of play.

There was a time when the Chinese was threatened with defeat, but eventually he won at 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. One point in the final set demanded the exchange of 40 strokes and the rallies throughout the match averaged about ten strokes.

Kong adopted his customary tactics at the start of the match and went all out for his points, forcing the pace by following in to the net on his drives. But he quickly discovered that it needed something more than an ordinary-paced drive, volley or smash to get past Coppinger's high and perfectly placed lobs and in a short time Kong found himself losing 1-3.

PAT-BALL

Thereafter he played Coppinger at his own game, which can only be correctly described as pat-ball. Even so he could only just scramble away with the first set, and in the second his patience deserted him so that he made sufficient number of mistakes to permit Coppinger to win 6-1. During this period Coppinger won seven games in a row, yet not once did he produce anything approaching an attacking shot.

Coppinger recovered everything. That is not a rhetorical statement, but a sober fact. Even Kong's best smashes (and really good ones, it must be confessed, were few and far between) Coppinger got back, himself making ideal lobs.

His skill at retrieving was well nigh uncanny, and his consistency of returns enough to upset the most evenly-balanced equilibrium. He cracked up for a time, but then held on grimly in the third set. I thought he could have finished this off more quickly if he had possessed anything

like a decisive overhead. Coppinger's lobs were much shorter in the final phases, but Kong rarely dealt with them as they deserved, preferring instead to try and place the ball out of Coppinger's reach. In this he only succeeded after an exhausting struggle.

From the viewpoint of academic tennis this will go down to posterity as the worst match ever played in the Colony championships, but as a test of endurance and a battle of wits it remains unique.

SHUTES WIN AGAIN

Father Shute and son Shute made light work of Clarke and Warr in the men's doubles winning 6-2, 6-1. Clarke took the court feeling unwell, and his physical condition was truly reflected in his display. Warr too was in poor form and the Army couple never looked like saving the game.

Shute senior played brainy tennis and made good use of the court. He scored lots of points by playing half-court shots to Clarke's backhand as the K.C.C. player went up to then net. Kenneth, the son, lobbed with the ball within a foot of the baseline.

The two played together with good understanding, displayed fine judgment in their selection of strokes and cemented the impression gained earlier in the tournament that it will need a good pair to beat them.

ASTONISHING "S.A."

Sirdar Rumjahn gave an astonishing performance while playing with H. D. Rumjahn against O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans. In the first set he played with an air of complete abandonment, returning shots which were yards over the line and dishing about the court as though he were trying to save a succession of match points. In the second set he played really badly over-driving by yards and showing less and less control over his volleys.

There was a period when it seemed Marton and Evans would force the issue to the third set. Marton was particularly good, volleying strongly and making few errors. Evans supported him well and it is a long time since a Cricket Club pair has given the Rumjahn cousins such a fine game.

Fortunately for the cousins, H. D. Rumjahn remained steady and reliable, and thanks chiefly to him, and some unhappy mistakes from the other side of the net at crucial stages, the second set was won at 7-3.

But it cannot by any stretch of the imagination be said that the Rumjahn cousins looked potential champions for 1937.

International Hockey Tournament

THE RULES NEED REVISING CAUSE LOT OF DISCONTENT

UNHAPPY FEATURE

(By "The Pilgrim")

The International Hockey Tournament is over. But it has left behind not a few murmurings of discontent. I have spoken to a sufficient number of players to know that they are far from satisfied with the manner in which the competition was conducted.

In the first place the qualification rule needs revising. At the moment its vague and stupid phraseology leaves one totally puzzled. In its strict interpretation a player can quite legitimately appear for one of two different teams, which is manifestly absurd. The rule needs re-framing and put into terms which leave no room for doubt or mis-interpretation.

Then I have heard numerous complaints with regard to the methods of appointing representatives to handle the selection of teams. At the present the H.K.H.A. Council appoints these representatives, and it doesn't seem to work very well. I think the position would be improved if this committee was composed of three: one representative for the Army, one for the Navy and one for the Civilian.

There was discontent this year regarding the selection of the Irish and Welsh teams. It seems that in both cases the sides could have been strengthened if players from the Navy had been included. Navy players, apparently, were never given a trial in both cases the selectors were Army officers. I also know there was dissatisfaction in the Indian and Portuguese "camps" due to the methods of selecting the teams.

Another point which demands attention is the appointment of neutral umpires for these matches. Ireland and Wales played with their own umpires which was certainly not the ideal arrangement.

It is foolish to jeopardize the popularity of a tournament when all that is needed is a little intelligent attention to the rules. The H.K.H.A. should certainly make some effort between now and next season to make the necessary revisions and to clarify certain positions which this season have created no little confusion.

Lt. da Costa In Hongkong To-day

(By "The Pilgrim")

Lieut. da Costa arrives in Hongkong to-day and after a few days here will leave by the Sirdhana for Singapore, and thence to Portugal to where he is returning for good.

All hockey players in the Colony should make an effort to meet Mr. da Costa during this, his last visit to Hongkong.

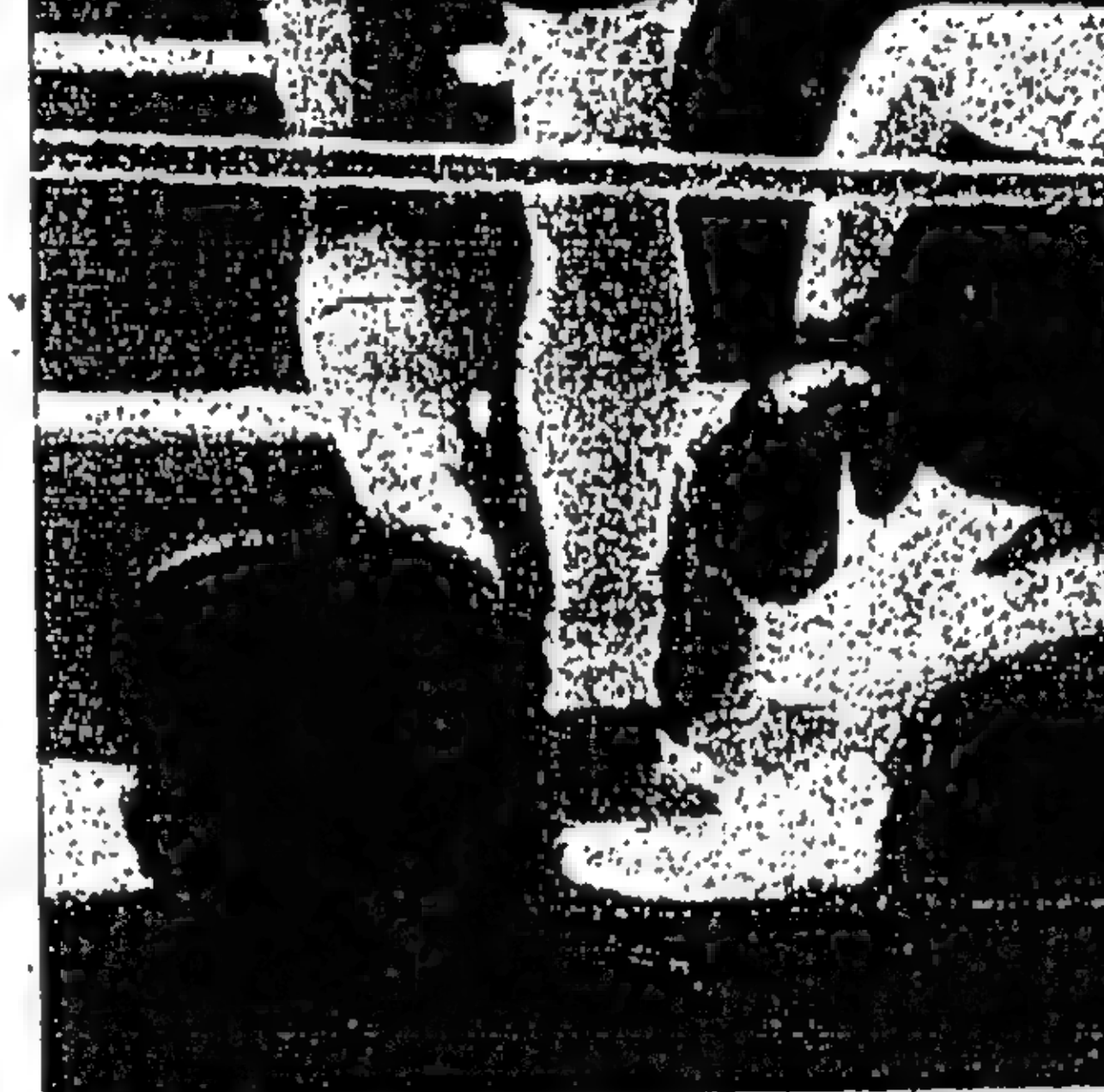
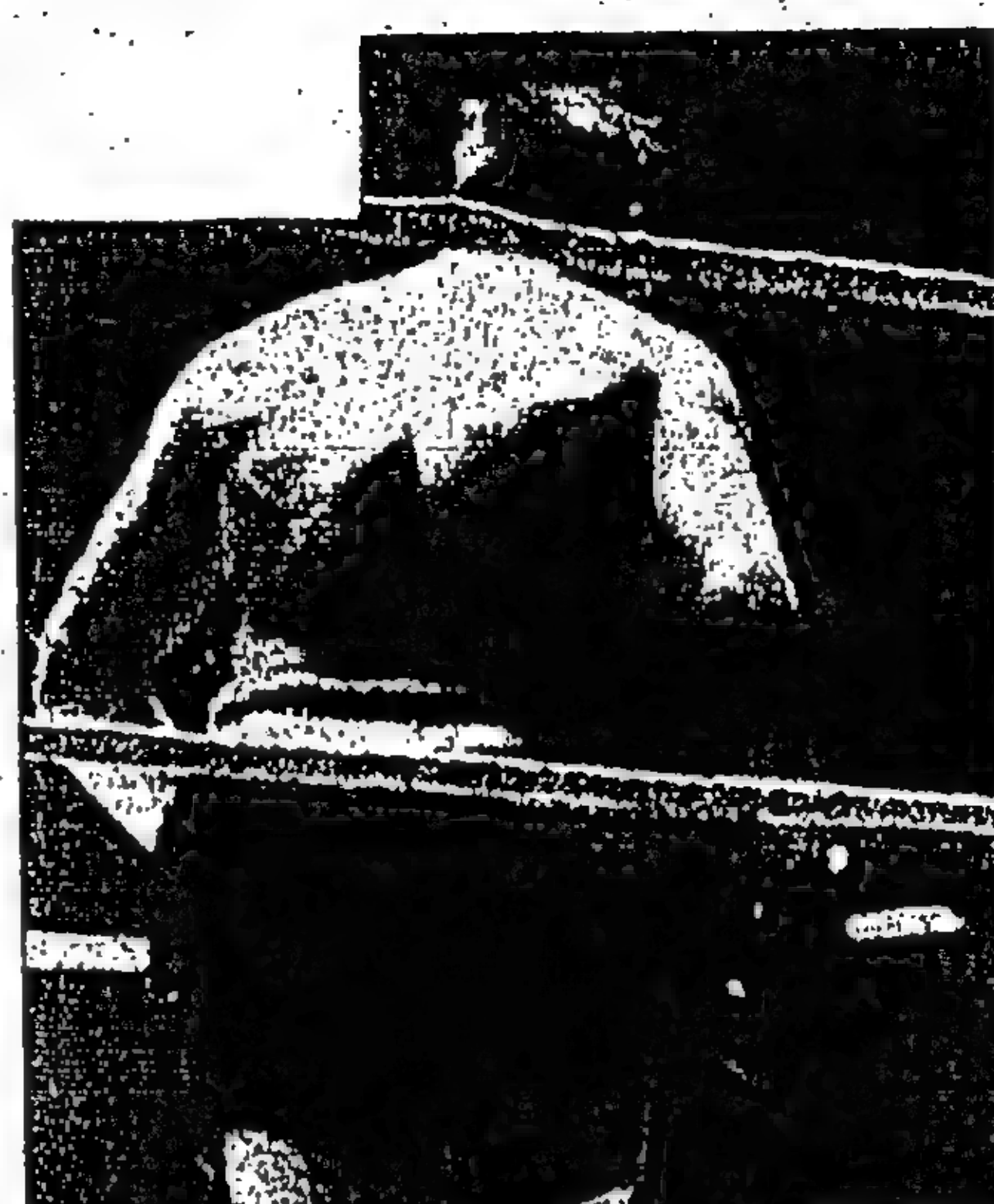
At least ten teams have visited Macao during the season—mostly Army and Navy sides—and the H.K.H.A. is looking forward to these players attending the cocktail party which is being given in honour of Lieut. da Costa at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow evening.

This afternoon a match will be played between Mr. Arthur Davis's XI and a Portuguese team which will be captained by Lieut. da Costa.

UNITED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

At a meeting held by the Committee last Tuesday, the K.I.T.C. for the United Tournament was rejected as they were late arrivals and the Tournament officials did not think it possible for their fixture to be completed in one month.

The United Tournament ends on the last day of April. A dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, May 8, to wind up the Tournament.



Ben Foord, the holder, sent to the canvas by Tommy Farr, of Wales who defeated him in the fight for the British and Empire heavy-weight titles at Harringay recently.



Foord (right) misses with a left swing. Below: Max Baer, who is to meet the winner, could not restrain himself at the ringside.

Mamak Hockey

RADIO IN FINAL

BEAT K.I.T.C.

MEET C.B.A. IN PLAY-OFF

(By "The Pilgrim")

On the Marina ground last evening in their last Mamak fixture of the season, Radio the present Champions defeated their greatest rivals the K.I.T.C. by two clear goals scored by M. H. Hassan and Awtar Singh.

Play opened at a fast pace with the Radio enjoying the best of the exchanges. The K.I.T.C. made two dangerous raids but Kallant Singh and Mohinder Singh kept a watchful eye on Pyara Singh the well known inter-club forward and J. Pinto, allowing them very little rope.

Ten minutes from the end of the half M. H. Hassan found the net with a neat flick shot which left Man Singh the K.I.T.C. goalie standing. From the restart the Kowloon Indians attacked with vigour but the brilliant Radio half-back line with Kitchell Hassan and J. Singh resisted stoutly. From a pass-off Awtar Singh, Guest broke through the K.I.T.C. defence and with only the goal-keeper to beat shot across the goalmouth.

Play was soon transferred to the other end but after forcing four shots corners the K.I.T.C. failed to make the best of the chances offered. Though pinned in their own half for fully 15 minutes the Radio defence frustrated all attempts made by the opposite attack. M. H. Hassan in particular being outstanding as pivot. Seizing a chance and with only seven minutes to go Awtar Singh beat Tara Singh and Bachan Singh to put Radio further ahead with a second goal. After this the Radio attacked, keeping the Kowloon Indians well on the defensive until the final whistle.

Well, Awtar Singh, Guest and Tik Singh combined effectively in the Radio attack, but Guest at inside-right was poor with his shooting and missed two certain goals. The defence was impregnable.

For the K.I.T.C. Pereira at left-half gave an excellent exhibition, with Kallant Singh the best of the backs. Pyara Singh and Pinto were hard working forwards.

The Radio, winners of the B. Division, now meet the C.B.A. winners of the A. Division in the best of three games for the Championship of the Mamak Tournament.

Farr Wins Two Titles After 15 Dull Rounds

Mamak Hockey Tournament League Tables

"A" DIVISION									
Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	P	R.F.	
C.B.A.	10	10	0	0	46	3	20	7	
B. RWF	8	5	2	1	3	0	11	5	
Nomads	9	3	2	4	8	12	10	4	
24 Bty	7	4	2	1	15	8	0		

"B" DIVISION									
Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	P	R.F.	
Radio	11	10	1	0	36	7	20	7	
Argonauts	10	8	1	1	17	6	17	5	
K.I.T.C. "A"	11	8	3	0	36	9	16	5	
R. Signals	10	5	4	1	15	14	11	4	
Berwick	8	5	3	0	21	11	10	4	

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

P. Singh K.I.T.C. "A"	20	A. Singh Radio	17
S. Fowler C.B.A.	17	W. Lowe Signals	12

MANCHESTER THREAT TO THE ARSENAL

For 1st. Div. Title

London, Apr. 7. Manchester City advanced another step towards the championship of the English Football League to-day when they beat Brentford by the odd goal to three. The City are now chief threat to Arsenal who head the table, but have still a game to play and win before they can overtake the London team.

FIRST DIVISION	
Manchester C.	2. Brentford
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Luton	5. Gillingham
THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)	
Gateshead	9. Lincoln

Brilliant New Amateur Billiards Champion

RECORD BREAKS

London, Apr. 7. At Burroughes Hall to-day, the English Amateur Billiards Championship was won by Kingsley Kennerley a 23-year-old engineer from Birmingham, who beat the holder, Joe Thompson of Worthington, in the final by 4,703 points to 3,633.

Kennerley's aggregate is a record for the event. In the penultimate session, Kennerley made a new world amateur record break of 549, the previous best being 491.

Earlier in the final, Kennerley beat the British amateur record with a break of 305.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Hamilton	1. Rangers	5
Queen's Park	2. Albion	5
Clyde	3. Aberdeen	0

—Reuter.

FOORD'S POWERLESS PUNCHES

(By Fred Dartnell)

London, Mar. 18. The evil hour of British champions persists. Last night at Harringay Ben Foord lost the verdict of the fight with Tommy Farr, the Welsh challenger, and became the sixth title-holder to be beaten in a fortnight.

The British and British Empire championships were at stake and Farr, who won on points, recaptured the honours which his more famous countryman, Jack Petersen, had lost to Foord last autumn.

Petersen was amongst the ring-siders, who also included Max Baer, the man who is to meet Farr at Harringay in a month's time.

"What Petersen thought of the fight I cannot say, but during some rather dull and unexciting phases I caught Baer stifling a yawn with the aid of his programme."

As a championship fight it was very much below standard, and to be candid, I didn't agree with the verdict. On his left hand alone I considered that Foord was the better boxer.

Farr's left hand was employed effectively also, but mostly in embracing his opponent's waist, and I think that in this respect he was allowed far too much latitude by the referee.

CAN DO BETTER

Farr, the new champion, is a strong, cool and collected fighter. I think he is a better boxer than he appeared to be last night. He had a plan of campaign against Foord and he followed it faithfully. Towards the end he was much stronger, and although Foord was supposed to be the harder puncher, it was the deposed champion who showed most marks of the conflict. Foord received a smashing right hand on the nose in the fourth round, and a continual flow of blood appeared to worry him. He boxed quite well at times with his left—that is, to say, as far as he was permitted, for Farr was most expert in smothering. It was very rarely that Farr at

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1937.

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SEVERAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Navy's Neat Victory

Several league football matches were played yesterday. Navy took first division points from South China "B" in a game marked by excellent football.

In the second division South China drew with R.A. (Stonecutters), each side scoring once. R.A.O.C. piled on 13 goals against the Chinese Police in the third division and conceded three—this being the highest scoring match of the season.

Fusslers went a step further to victory winning the third division by beating St. Joseph's two-nil.

The results follow:

DIVISION I	
Royal Navy	4 S. China "B" 2
Kowloon F.C.	3 Recrolo 3
DIVISION II	
South China	1 R.A. Stonecutters 1
DIVISION III	
Police (C)	3 R.A.O.C. 13
Seafarers Hldrs	1 Kumon Rifles 1
R.A.F.	1 R. Engineers 0
St. Joseph's	0 R.W. Fusslers 2

League Table	
	Goals
R.W. Fusslers	24 20 2 2 100 20 42
R.A.O.C.	22 17 1 4 71 10 35
L. Portuguesa	22 16 2 4 75 36 34
Seafarers	23 15 3 8 82 29 33
R.A.M.C.	20 13 1 6 50 33 27
Kwong Wah	22 11 5 8 63 44 27
R.A.F.	22 12 2 0 50 40 26
Recrolo	21 9 1 11 47 41 19
R. Engineers	22 7 1 14 45 57 15
St. Joseph's	22 6 2 14 33 72 14
R.A.S.C.	22 5 3 14 27 63 13
Kumon Rifles	23 4 1 18 34 112 9
Police (E)	21 3 1 17 25 76 7
Police (C)	20 2 1 17 22 82 5

NAVY AT THEIR BEST AGAINST S. CHINA "B"

Clever Forwards

If Navy could have shown consistently throughout the season the form which they have exhibited during the past three weeks they would be well on the way to the first division football league championship. They played China "B" in a league tie yesterday, the final result being 4-2 in their favour.

They slackened off during one period and allowed the Chinese to wipe off a two-nil deficit but from that point until the end they were again complete masters and had the Chinese befogged with their skilful and intricate movements.

There was not a weakness in the Navy team, the forwards being in particularly scintillating mood. Begler, Wolserson, Love, Cheaman, Anderson, Black and Tippet were in great form, while the Chinese were best served by Wong Wah-gay who kept goal cleverly, Lung Ting-sang, a smart wing half back, and Cheuk Shek-kam Lee Shek-yau in the attack.

Navy were quickly two goals to the good through Tippet and Anderson, but this advantage was nullified when Chan Tak-fai and Cheuk Shek-kam netted to tie the scores.

But Navy were soon in the lead again through Johnson and Tippet put the issue beyond doubt sometime later.

HONGKONG CRICKET

In the league championship match on Saturday on the Club ground, at 2 p.m., the following will play for the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the I.R.C. A. W. Hayward (capt.), H. W. Barnes, E. R. Duckitt, P. C. Fryer, R. D. Gillespie, R. L. Holden, R. E. H. Nelson, H. B. Neve, H. Owen Hughes, G. A. Stewart, R. L. D. Woodhouse, Reserve, N. P. Fox, Umpire, P. E. Basket. Scorer, H. G. Wallington.

PROMINENT PLAYERS ON VIEW TO-DAY

IN THE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "Veritas")

Exceptional interest is invested in this afternoon's tennis championship programme, as it brings to the courts some of the more prominent competitors.

Three more places in the last eight will be filled as a result of to-day's games. Y. W. Lee and Paul Kong have already reached that stage.

The most interesting tie promised to be between Lee Wai-long and Leung Ping-chiu, both C.R.C. players who have a fairly extensive knowledge of each other's play.

Lee is expected to win, but it is unlikely he will have an easy match. Leung's clever defence is capable of extending Lee to the full. It will be interesting to see how Lee goes about his task of breaking down Leung's stonewalling baseline play.

S. A. Rumjahn faces A. Crawford, and there is doubt but that he will win. However, he will have to play steeper than he did yesterday, for Crawford is not to be taken lightly and is very capable of turning his opponent's indiscretions to his own account. This will be the best tournament test Crawford has had since last year when he took W. C. Hung to four sets in the K.C.C. championship. The experience should do him a lot of good.

SHUTE'S TEST

Not a few are prepared to see young Kenneth Shute beat Frank Kwok this afternoon, though I doubt it myself. Kwok is more likely to beat the schoolboy than many an other player because he is so steady. Kenneth is happier against a more impetuous player. Opposed to Kwok's rocklike defence and some unusual attacking strokes, Shute stands less chance of winning.

But here again useful experience should be obtained and if he loses the schoolboy will have no cause for remorse. He may find his heavily-topped shots upset Kwok, and if he can dictate the terms in any way the youngster has a chance of surviving the test.

If nothing else the encounter will provide a nice contrast in styles.

The programme is:

OPEN SINGLES

Lee Wai-long v. Leong Ping-chiu;
S. A. Rumjahn v. A. Crawford;
F. H. Kwok v. K. Shute.

OPEN DOUBLES

P. C. Lee and C. C. Ma v. P. F. Tsui and Ng Kam-chuen.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

F. V. Harrison v. G. E. R. Divett.

SINGLES HANDICAP

M. Fagh v. A. Joseph.
V. R. Gordon v. E. R. Childé.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce v. G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. Woodling and Miss Ward v. J. C. Foot and Miss Allen.

If A Cough Keeps You Awake

RESPIROIDS

BRONCHIAL-TALETTS

No need to lie awake half the night with a tickle in the throat if you have a bottle of these pleasant-tasting lozenges by your bedside. The soothing essences with which the saliva becomes charged whilst a lozenge dissolves slowly in the mouth, flow gently down the throat and rapidly stop your cough. Respiroids are equally good for sore throat and bronchial troubles. From all chemists.

RIFLE SHOOTING SERVICES MEETING RESULTS

FINAL STAGES REACHED

The first three matches in the Services S. R. Championship Aggregate, namely Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate occupied the whole of yesterday at the Kowloon City rifle range. The Services Meeting, the first half of the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, is drawing to a close. Company and Platoon matches are finished and there only remain the Championship Aggregate and the Individual Revolver Competition, the Team match having been won by the Royal Ulster Rifles.

The Services Championship Aggregate is composed of four matches, the first three of which might be termed qualifying matches. These three are Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate at 800 yards. From these events the eighteen competitors who have the highest aggregate are chosen to fire in the fourth and final match, the Deliberate at 800 yards, to decide the winners of the Championship.

As is to be expected in a military competition, the number of aspiring riflemen is large and consequently the events are long. In the Rapid Firing the target is exposed for 25 seconds, in which time competitors, standing at ease, have to fall flat, load their rifles and send five shots at the target. Snapshooting comprises firing at discs which are exposed for three seconds for three shots with intervals of three seconds between.

To-day is the last day of the Services Meeting and will see the finals of the Championship Aggregate, the Individual Revolver Competition, and the semi-finals and final of the Falling Plate. In this event the semi-finalists are "B" and "C" Companies of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Headquarters Royal Ulster Rifles and "A" Company of the Kumon Rifles.

Among competitors who have qualified to shoot to-morrow in the final match of the Services Championship Aggregate (the Deliberate at 800 yards) are five men from the Royal Navy, three of whom are Marines.

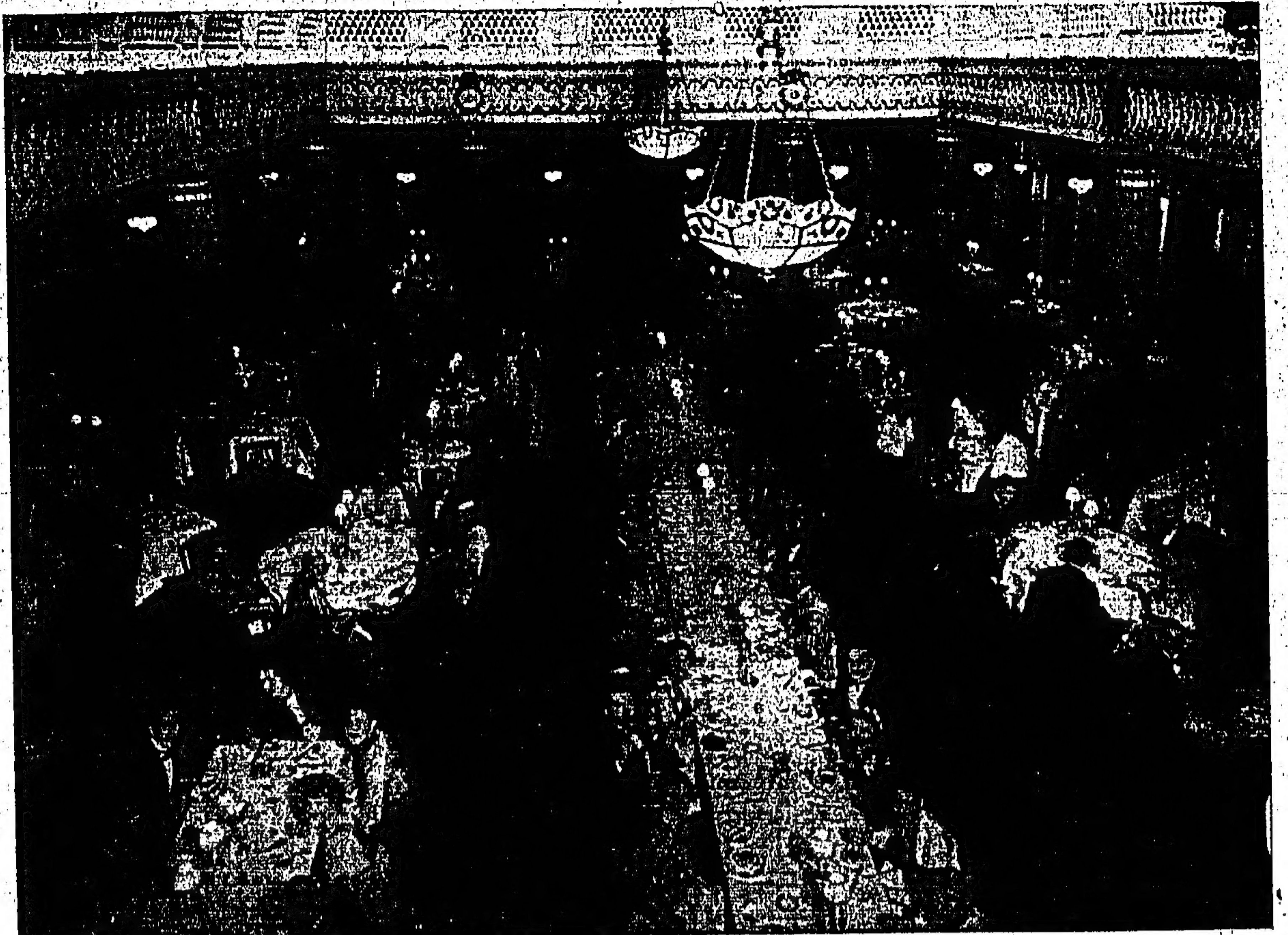
The Inter-Unit Cup has been won by the Royal Welch Fusiliers with an aggregate of 462 out of a possible 600. The winner were closely followed by the Ulster Rifles who had an aggregate of 480. This Cup was won on the combined results of the Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and the Deliberate at 800 yards.

The results were:
Rapid Firing-Class "A" (300 yds. H.P.S. 25)
1. Col. Spranklin (R.A.O.C.), 21; 2. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 3. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 4. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 5. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 6. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 7. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 8. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 9. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 10. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 11. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 12. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 13. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 14. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 15. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 16. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 17. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 18. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 19. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 20. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 21. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 22. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 23. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 24. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 25. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 26. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 27. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 28. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 29. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 30. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 31. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 32. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 33. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 34. Sgt. Loder (R.W.F.), 20; 35. Sgt. 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AUSTRALIANS AND N. ZEALANDERS IN CONVIVIAL MOOD



An encore for the Dance Orchestra of the Seaforth Highlanders during the Australian and New Zealand Association's Annual Fancy Dress Ball last Friday.—King's Studio.



The Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel was packed to capacity for supper during the intermission in the Australian and New Zealand Association's Annual Ball.—King's Studio.



Mr. and Mrs. F. Blakey were also in costumes remarked upon for their excellence.—Ming Yuen.



Miss Sheila Haynes, whose "topical" adoption of the Hongkong "Telegraph" won her the prize for the most original costume.—Ming Yuen.



The "Melbourne Cup," which was run in six heats, was one of the popular novelties introduced at the dance. An excited crowd watched Phar Lap vie with Carbine in the race to the finishing tape.—Ming Yuen.



A happy group which included Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary.—King's Studio.



Another happy group in the corner of the cocktail bar. Mr. G. Dudley, winner of the prize for the Best Dressed Gentleman, is in the left background.—Ming Yuen.



Mrs. H. Brokenshire made a charming study in her late Eighteenth Century costume.—Ming Yuen.



A corner in the Grand Parade, with Mr. J. R. Luke winner of the most original costume (Ricksha Coolie) in the foreground.—Ming Yuen.

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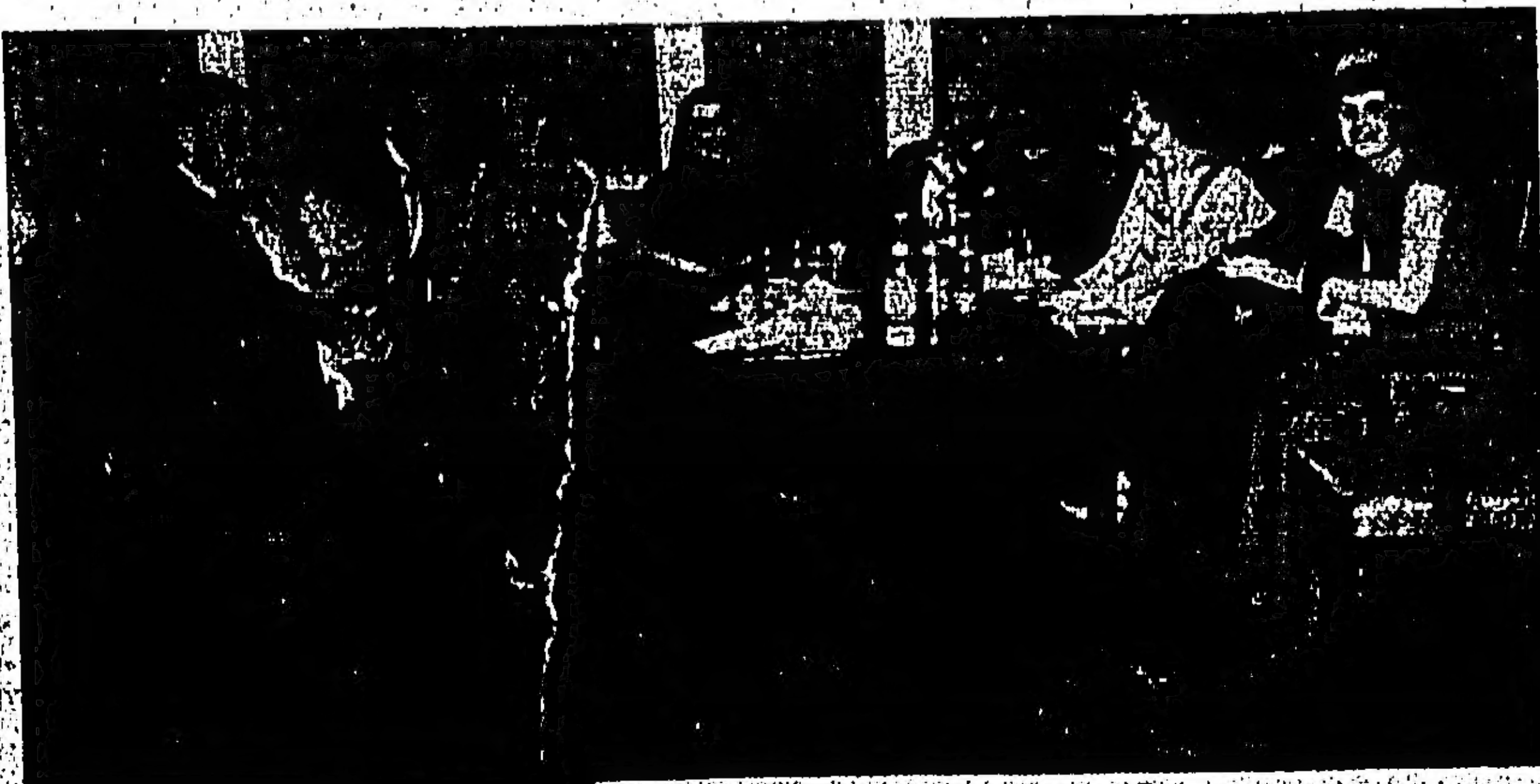
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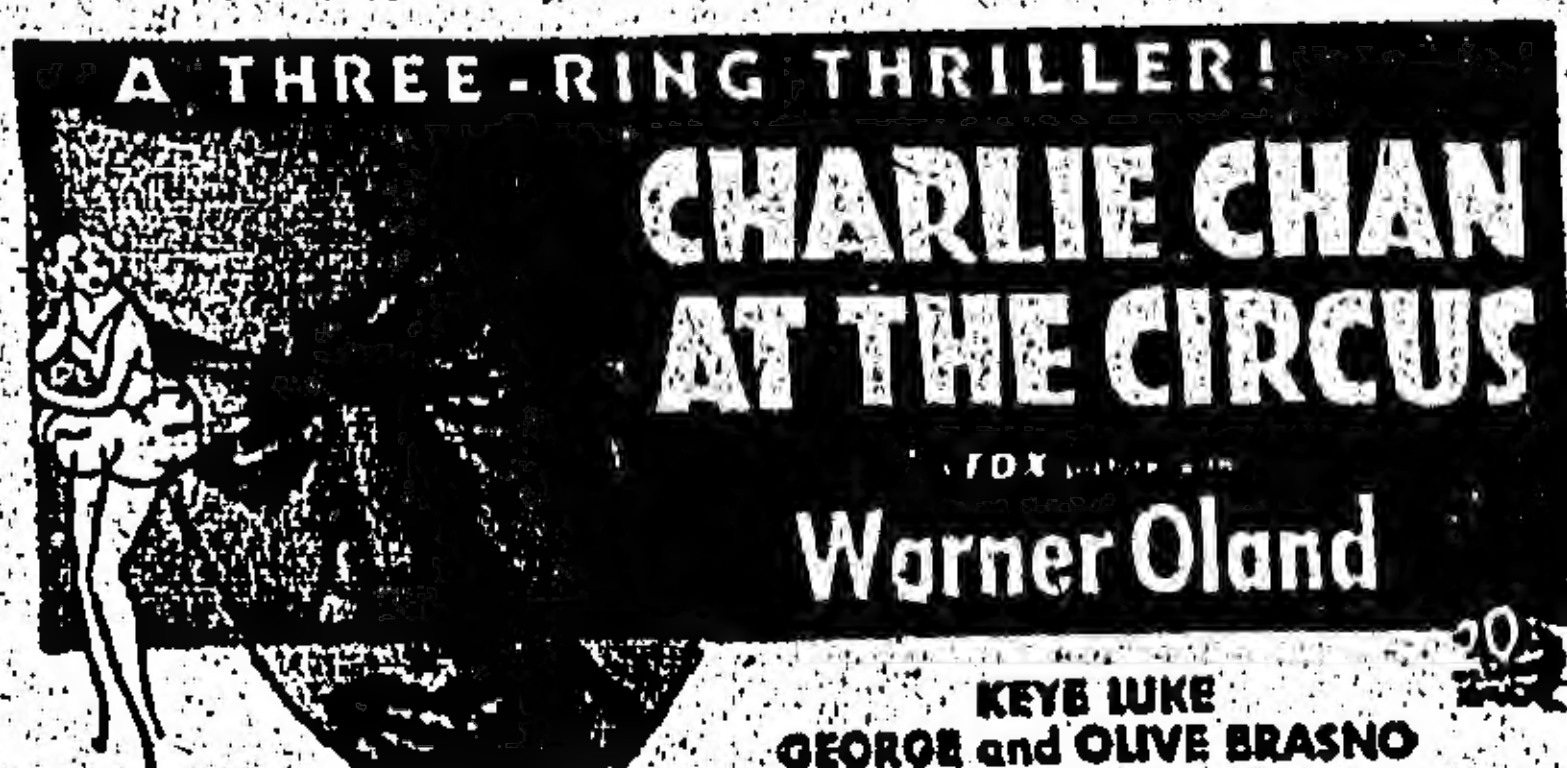


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Lindberghs Safely Down At Munich

Half Europe Hunted
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After half Europe had hunted for hours for Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, it was learned that the pair, flying to London after a trip in their private plane to India, had arrived safely at Munich, Germany. Aviation authorities, said reports from London last night, in Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France and Britain were searching for the Lindberghs, who had not been reported since they left Zagreb Tuesday morning.

This morning the following messages confused and then cleared the situation:

Vienna, April 7.
Civil and military aviation authorities report that the plane flown by Colonel Charles Lindbergh, in which his wife is a passenger, has not landed anywhere in Austria.—United Press.

SAFE AT MUNICH

Berlin, April 7.
Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh landed at Munich at 8 p.m. last night.—United Press.

LITTLE ENTENTE INTACT

Thanks To M. Benes' Effort At Belgrade

Belgrade, Apr. 7.
President Edouard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, received an enthusiastic send-off when he departed on the conclusion of his visit to Yugoslavia.

It is considered in well-informed circles that President Benes succeeded in checking the Jugo-Slavian move towards the Italo-German bloc and in greatly strengthening the position of the Little Entente.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

People's Health Scheme

British Proposals Debated

London, Apr. 7.
The second reading of the Physical Training and Recreation Bill, designed to give effect to the Government's scheme for improving the health and physique of the nation, was moved in the House of Commons by the Minister for Education, who claimed that both the object and details of the scheme had met with general approval.

Mr. Lee Smith, for the Labour Party, expressed a fear that the scheme was directed too much towards meeting the needs of black-coated workers, and neglected the requirements of workers in factories and mines, and, for the Liberals, Sir Francis Acland, emphasised the vital importance of a parallel campaign for better nutrition, but both speakers gave qualified support to the measure.—British Wireless.

SHARING SUGAR PRODUCTION

WORLD DELEGATES TO
ALLOCATE AMOUNTS

London, Apr. 7.
The Sugar Conference Bureau today agreed to submit for the world delegates' approval the figure 3,170,000 metric tons for the crop year, as recommended by the statistical experts committee, to meet the needs of a free market, namely, the needs which are not met by the production of colonies enjoying preferential treatment.

The figure decided on by the Bureau is 80,000 tons below the needs of the free market, as estimated by the International Sugar Committee in March. That figure was 3,250,000 metric tons.

The Conference must decide how this diminished amount shall be allocated to the countries represented at the conference.

Dr. H. Collin, the Dutch Prime Minister, left for Holland this evening.—Reuter.

SMALL-POX IN KOWLOON

NINE CASES NOTIFIED
YESTERDAY

The fact that small-pox has broken out in Kowloon, reported yesterday's Telegraph, is confirmed in the return of notifiable diseases issued today.

The return shows that ten cases were notified yesterday, nine of which were in Kowloon. There was also one case of typhoid fever, on the island, reported.

VIOLIN RECITAL

Josef Lampkin In
Brilliant Form.

Josef Lampkin, the American violin virtuoso, gave a recital at the King's Theatre last night and left a memory of fragrant, melodious, and majestic music to be stored away with Hongkong's other treasures bequeathed by Zimballist, Helfitz and Renée Chenet.

Some years have passed since the Colony has enjoyed such a remarkable performance. Remarkable both in its offerings and for their flawless interpretation. If the programme at first sight was a little frightening, this fear was immediately dispelled by the virtuoso who drew a spontaneous feeling of friendliness and appreciation from his audience. In every item Mr. Lampkin displayed a technique and tonal beauty which fascinated and charmed his hearers.

His "Satyr and Dyrads" was startling in its originality of interpretation, but its effectiveness as a musical poem could never be doubted. It was Mr. Lampkin's first performance of this remarkable piece of music, but it is safe to believe that he cannot afford to leave it out of future programmes.

The virtuoso's most important contribution before the intermission was Vieuxtemps' "Concerto in D Minor," a composition of delicate and grandeur which Mr. Lampkin treated in a manner which demonstrated to the full his fine musicianship.

The second half of the programme was the more interesting, however, probably because of its infinite variety. Magnificent was his rendition of Vieuxtemps' Impressionistic work "The Wind," and the player had to repeat it in striking contrast and revealing the full power of his technique was "Horn Staccato," written by Dineu with an arrangement by Helfitz. To "Satyr and Dyrads" Mr. Lampkin gave as an encore the gorgeous "Air on G String" by Bach which enraptured the audience, and later, as a special item he contributed the lovely "Songs My Mother Taught Me."

His interpretation of Kreisler's arrangement of De Falla's "Dance Espagnole" was flawless and diverting, but the piece which had everyone spellbound was "Flight of the Bumble Bee" by Rimsky Korsakov which took the place of the advertised "Moto Perpetuo" (Paganini).

Mr. Lampkin's generous response to insistent demands for encores was thoroughly appreciated, and his final offering, Veracini's "Largo," was an appropriate climax to a memorable recital.

Mr. Harry Ore was a sympathetic and discreet accompanist.—S. A. G.

Catholics Face Trial For Treason

Germany Advertising
Spectacular Case

Berlin, Apr. 7.
Glaring headlines in the German newspapers announce the beginning of the trial, before the Second Senate of the People's Court, of seven Roman Catholics, including two priests and two prominent members of Catholic youth organisations, on a charge of preparing for high treason by allegedly supporting Communist Catholic fronts.

The accused include Father Joseph Rossmann, head of the Catholic Youth Group at Dusseldorf, Father Karl Kremer, former head of the Peace Society, Franz Steber, Reich Leader of the Catholic Youth Group, and Father Jakob Clemens, Secretary General of the Catholic Young Men's Association.—Reuter.

THE CIVIL LIST

London, Apr. 7.
The first meeting of the Select Committee on the Civil List postponed from before Easter, will be held to-morrow.—British Wireless.

Large Estate Is Left By Lady Houston

Original Beneficiary
Died Last March

London, April 7.
The late Lady Houston left estate valued at £1,528,000, on which Estate Duty amounted to £690,000. By a will made aboard the steam yacht Liberty in March, 1936, the whole estate was left to Miss Juliana Margaret Hoare, an aunt of Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, who died in March, 1936.

Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to a sister of testatrix, Mrs. Florence Wrey, one of the persons entitled to a share therein.

It is understood that the sum of £1,528,000 refers only to Lady Houston's estate in the United Kingdom. Her husband, the late Sir Robert Houston, left £7,000,000 when he died in 1926.—Reuter Special.

PURCHASING BIG SUPPLY OF WHEAT

Italy's Orders Send
Prices Upwards

Rome, Apr. 7.
The rise in wheat prices is partly explained by the fact, revealed in statistics for the wheat trade for February, issued by the International Institute of Agriculture, that the Italian Government bought 174,000 tons of wheat in that month.

This figure compares with 29,400 tons bought in February, 1936, whilst during the seven months ended February 28 Italy bought 591,000 tons, as against 100,000 tons in the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter Special.

Two Lost When Ferry Sinks

Collided With Liner
In Heavy Fog

London, Apr. 7.
A collision between a ferry-boat running between Ireland and Scotland and a liner inward-bound from New Zealand, occurred in the Irish Sea this morning, in thick fog, five miles off the Scottish coast.

The passengers from the ferry-boat were rescued by the liner, but the captain and a fireman were lost. The smaller craft sank in 90 fathoms.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

London, Apr. 7.
The lives of the captain and one fireman were lost, and 351 cattle were drowned, when the Lairdsmoor, of the Burns and Laird Line, on a night voyage from Dublin to Glasgow, collided early this morning in fog with the Shaw Savill and Albion motor liner Taranaki and sank.—British Wireless.

NAVAL TREATY USELESS?

London, Apr. 7.
After informing the House of Commons at question-time that the Japanese Government had declined on March 27 to accept a 14-inch gun limitation for future capital ships, Mr. Anthony Eden was asked if it might be assumed that the London Naval Treaty was worthless.

Mr. Eden replied that he would not at all assume that. The Foreign Secretary also stated that there was no intention at present on the part of the British Government to move for revision of the treaty.—British Wireless.

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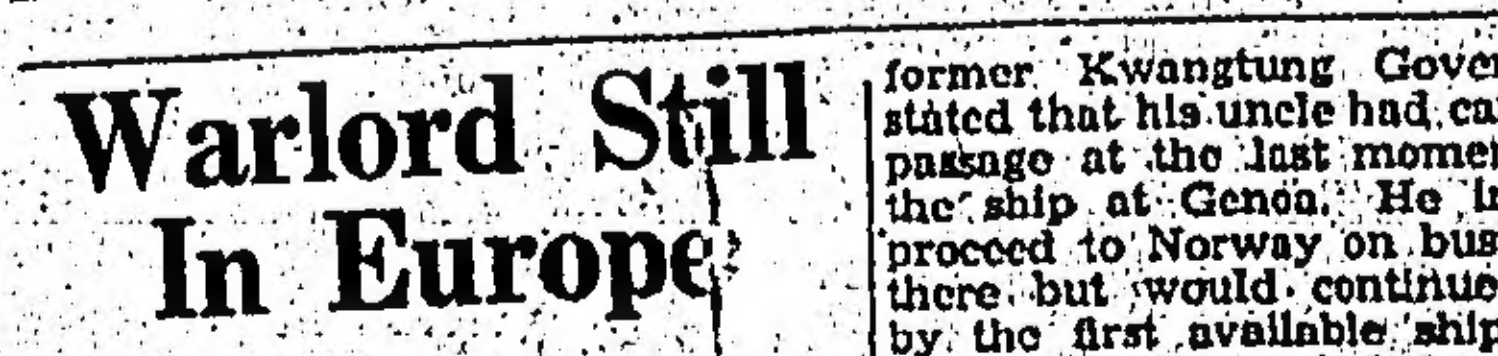
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